Broadcasting and Other Legislation Amendment (Deregulation) Bill 2014 [Provisions] Submission 16

To: <u>Committee, EC (SEN)</u>

Subject: TV Captions

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Hello,

I am a hearing person with an interest in languages, with a partner who is hard of hearing, so I often see captions on TV programmes.

The current captioning on TV is of variable and often questionable quality, so I doubt that any improvements are likely with less monitoring / control / reporting, which I understand would be allowed following some proposed changes in regulations.

I am aware of the potentially severe limitation in the quantity and quality of access to adequate captioning that would result, and would urge authorities to consider the most effective way to ensure that people with hearing problems are treated equally in the matter.

Regards,

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