

**Submission to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
regarding the Inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment
(Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015**

I note that the purpose of this bill is to amend the ABC's Charter in relation to the delivery of services to rural and regional Australia in each State and Territory, and it seeks to define the Corporation's mandate for its public service function for journalism in rural and regional Australia.

My brief submission is purely to draw attention to the fact that for the ABC to effectively deliver on the Charter in terms of radio communications, rural and regional areas must be able to receive good quality radio transmissions.

At present, Radio National transmissions are quite limited and parts of regional Victoria and presumably other parts of Australia, receive very poor quality reception from this key provider of news and current affairs. I am familiar with the central north/west parts of Victoria and this area is very poorly served by Radio National - this deficiency should be addressed.