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The Committee Secretary,

House Communication Committee,

Parliament House,

Canberra . 2600.

Dear Sir / Madam,

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24th. October, 2000

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Committee on Communications,  
Transport and the Arts

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Secretary: ..... Janet Holmes

Re. Radio Services in Rural - Regional Australia.

I wish to commend the A.B.C. on their truly excellent service provided to rural - regional Australia. The local content to keep us up to date with anything of importance going on in our area is absolutely invaluable, combined with human interest stories, local weather in detail etc. is something we just cannot do without.

In addition all the national programmes such as A.M. - P.M , news and last but not least, The Country Hour, bring all those vital news stories right to our farm instantly. Sally Loane, James Valentine & James O'Brien provide debate on major issues that effect our lives and opportunity to have our say and access information as we go about our daily farm lives in what would otherwise be an isolated existence .

I cannot comment on the commercial radio as the A.B.C. fulfills all our needs - and must continue to do so. While we in rural & regional Australia are vastly outnumbered by our city cousins, the value of the A.B.C. to us is of absolutely vital importance. It must also remain independent and commercial free!

I implore the Government to restore funds cut from the A.B.C. recently.

My elderly mother who lives nearby and is vision impaired lives by her radio and would be totally lost without the A.B.C.

Yours faithfully,  
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