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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON BROADCASTING LEGISLATION

INQUIRY INTO BROADCASTING LEGISLATION

## COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FURTHER EVIDENCE ON 75 PER CENT RULE

After taking preliminary evidence on the implications of removing the '75 per cent audience reach rule' on Monday 18 March 2013, the Joint Select Committee on Broadcasting Legislation has today determined that it will not issue an interim report as it has not yet reached an agreed position.

The committee will continue to receive and consider evidence and hear arguments from stakeholders on this and the Committee's other terms of reference.

Submissions are welcome by 5 April 2013.

Committee Chair Senator Matt Thistlethwaite said 'the Committee has agreed that it is not in a position to issue an interim report and wishes to consider further evidence regarding the ongoing relevance of the 75% reach rule and the committee's other terms of reference.'

Further information about future hearings will continue to be made available on the Committee's website.

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