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Submission to Standing Committee on Communications, Information Technology and the Arts:

The Community of interest for Wagga's Life FM is the Christian and potential Christian population of Wagga Wagga NSW and district.

Twelve volunteers are involved with the station aged between 30 and 60 years of age. We have over 120 members supporting the station. The churches, youth groups and other organisations promote their events as Community Service Announcements on the station.

The Wagga Wagga Christian College is giving us new accommodation for a studio and office in a new building that is presently under construction. The station will move there in the next few months. At present the Salvation Army provide a building which the studio has been in for about 2 years.

Programs between 3 pm and 2 am are focused on youth in our city. We play over 20% Australian content in our music and the aim is to improve attitudes in the community.

The station has started to use some digital equipment in our transmission. Our annual budget is between \$13000 and \$17000. Our main sources of income are from membership fees and donations from members. The main areas of expense are for insurance, electricity, licences and programs.

The station has received one grant for electricity and one for telephone talkback equipment. With more funding, backup equipment and emergency power could be installed and more programs of interest to our community could be put to air.

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