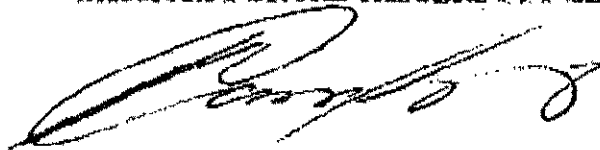


**SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO BROADCASTING SERVICES
AMENDMENT (MEDIA OWNERSHIP) BILL 2006 AND RELATED BILLS**

1. Bathurst Broadcasters Pty Limited is a small family owned and operated Commercial Radio company based in Bathurst NSW.
2. Camplin Broadcasters Pty Limited has owned Bathurst Broadcasters Pty Limited, since 1969.
3. The Camplin Family has been in ownership of the holding company since 1969, acquiring total control in January 1984.
4. Camplin Group Company Structure – Ronald Barry Camplin and Stephanie Janet Camplin each own 50% of Camplin Holdings Pty Limited, that owns 100% of Camplin Broadcasters Pty Limited, that owns 100% of Bathurst Broadcasters Pty Limited, that holds the licences for 2BS AM and 2BXS FM.
5. 2BS and 2BXS are members of IRR (Australian Independent Regional Radio Broadcasters Association)
6. IRR has been strongly opposed to the relaxation of the cross-media ownership rules.
7. The Camplin family does not necessarily share its IRR colleagues concern on the relaxation of the cross-media ownership rules – having accepted the Ministers assurance of a moratorium on the issue of new licences during the establishment and development of Digital Radio Broadcasting in Regional Australia.
8. **HOWEVER, the Camplin Family is now extremely concerned at the proposed new licence condition that will require regional commercial radio licensees to comply with additional licence conditions relating to "local presence" and other local content obligations if there is a "Trigger Event", or if the ACMA decides to require this following a Ministerial direction and/or an ACMA investigation.**
9. **Apart from this section being grossly unfair to Commercial Regional Radio licensees – neither metropolitan radio, TV or newspaper proprietors are subject to this section of the legislation.**
10. **In our view, it is an undesirable impact on small stand-alone regional operators such as ours and will almost certainly "trigger" a return to costly and time consuming public inquiries for a section of the industry that can least afford them.**
11. **Accordingly, The Camplin Family appeals to the Media Ownership Bills Committee that its report recommends the scrapping of all additional licence conditions in regard to LOCAL PRESENCE, LOCAL CONTENT AND LOCAL CONTENT PLANS.**

Sincerely,
BATHURST BROADCASTERS PTY LIMITED



Ron Camplin OAM, HonDA CSturt
Chairman

21 September 2006