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The Australian Communications and Media Authority

Dear Sir/Madam

Bathurst Regional Council notes the imminent proposal for Bathurst’s 2BS to transfer from the AM to the FM band.

Council fully supports the owners of Bathurst Broadcasters Pty Limited, Ron and Stephanie Camplin and the Management and Staff of 2BS in their efforts to make this happen as soon as possible.

Ron Camplin is this year celebrating his 70th year in Commercial Radio. This in itself is an astonishing achievement. All this time, Ron has positioned himself at the cutting edge within the industry; we all know that he is held in the highest regard by all. A transition of 2BS from AM to FM would be a wonderful reward for Ron, as well as an acknowledgement of his commitment and dedication to the Industry and this City.

Bathurst is New South Wales 4th fastest growing inland Regional City. Our grown rate is 1.3%, almost 600 new residents move to Bathurst annually. Our unemployment rate is 3.8%, well below the 5.8% state average. Bathurst is a modern, progressive rural city boasting the home campus of Charles Sturt University, 8 secondary schools and 19 primary schools. Bathurst’s growth and progress is driven in no small way by the enthusiasm, vision and belief Ron and Stephanie Camplin have in our City.

To have 2BS operate on the 95.1 FM frequency alongside sister station 99.3 B-Rock FM would give the 45,000 residents of the Bathurst Regional Council Local Government Area, the best possible service within the Bathurst L.A.P.

On behalf of Bathurst Regional Council, I urge you to expedite the 2BS move from AM to the FM frequency and to complete this transition as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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MAYOR OF BATHURST

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