Draft LAP Variation-Wagga Wagga
Planning Officer
Australian Communications and Media Authority
PO Box 34
Belconnen ACT 2616

8th July 2005

REFERENCE 2002/0782

Dear Sir

We have no issues with Wagga Wagga based 2AAAFM wishing to extend its license area to include the township of Gundagai and to continue to improve its service throughout the region. This is something we as fellow community radio broadcasters fully support. The addition of extra services to rural communities is a major benefit, and when further diversity in radio choices are being proposed, particularly the easily accessible community broadcasting sector, the community as a whole benefits. This is achieved through greater access to more variety in local music, news, entertainment, and training and of course local voices talking to local people about local issues. It also increases people’s opportunities to have a direct say in programming and operational issues for their local station and also enhances regional community’s awareness of the importance of local radio.

Tumut is a close neighbor of Gundagai. It is a town which shares a similar community of interest, resources, families, sports and facilities. 2TVR is the local community radio station in Tumut, about 20 minutes from Gundagai. 2TVR wishes to be given the same opportunity as 2AAAFM. That is to extend the license area of its service to include the community of Gundagai, using the locally identified frequency 95.3 MHz. This allows both services to exist using currently available spectrum which is free from interference issues.
This request has occurred through on going demand from the Gundagai community for reception of 2TVR programming, and the weekly contributions many locals in the Gundagai community already make to this radio station through the various news, local interest and sports programs produced in the region.

The community is simply asking for a choice in community broadcasters, importantly requesting that they can have better access to and participate in the operation of 2TVR. Through engineering assessments and local community research, this is feasible.

It is important to note that around 1000 motor vehicles per day drive between Gundagai and Tumut and 13 000 vehicles pass through Gundagai on the Hume Highway. That gives opportunities to provide diverse programming choices and important road and safety information when necessary from all broadcasters in the region ensuring everyone knows what’s going on at all times of the day. It is also an important demonstration of the major link between the two communities of Gundagai and Tumut, and the vital role 2TVR would play in the day to day lives and awareness of the people of our local region, and also those travelling through it.

Again, we have no issues with the current proposal being presented by 2AAAFM. We support their endeavours to improve diversity and localism in the region and wish them well. However, we propose to be included in the final Gundagai LAP with the allocation of 95.3 MHz to 2TVR Tumut, operating as prescribed by the ACMA.

Please consider this letter as the formal submission from 2TVR regarding the recent draft variation proposal for the Wagga Wagga License Area Plan.

Yours sincerely

\[signature\]

HUGH PACKARD
Chairperson
Montreal Community Theatre Inc.

(Attached please find supporting information, letters and apparatus license forms regarding Gundagai retransmission site and also information on the Tumut Shire community of Talbingo who are requesting improved reception in their town and surrounds. We understand Talbingo is in the Cooma LAP, however it affects the Tumut Shire which is the Wagga LAP and we believe it is the appropriate time to submit these details to you whilst the ACMA is working in this region)
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

2TVR broadcasts to the Tumut community which takes in the satellite towns of Batlow, Brungle, Adelong, Talbingo and Australia’s highest township Cabramurra. It also includes the popular snowfields of the Northern side of Kosciusko National Park and around 150 kilometres of the Snowy Mountains Highway. The local community supports and encourages the growth of their local station. This is evident through high local demand for additional and improved services and reception quality to be included in the operations of this community station.

2TVR is the only locally based broadcast radio station with studios in the Tumut Shire. It has many unique duties to perform when compared with many other broadcast radio stations in Australia, particularly during the winter months. Road reporting on snow covered roads, live on location reporting of traffic hazards and hazardous weather scenarios in Kosciusko National Park, Laurel Hill/Batlow region, Snowy Mountains Highway and the Hume Highway and up to the minute reporting of other weather-based or traffic based incidents that affect the local region. In summer months, the same duties continue with a different seasonal focus, the main issue being the bushfire dangers and severe thunderstorms that affects this particular region. The station devotes a large amount of its volunteer, staff and financial resources to maintaining a tried and effective communications link between the community and the emergency authorities of our local region 24 hours a day. 2XL and Snow FM Cooma based in the Monaro on the other side of the mountains are the only other stations with a similar level of commitment and a wealth of experience to these duties and to the people inside the LAP, particularly during the winter months.
2TVR wishes to improve reception in a number of areas, and this has been suggested by two communities within the Tumut region, Talbingo and Gundagai. This has not been suggested by 2TVR, but by its listeners, volunteers, supporters and sponsors. There is demand for two re-transmission services; the first, Gundagai, aspiring to operate independently in the future, providing their own programming and services from a dedicated locally based studio and transmitter facility resulting in contributions to the broadcasting for the wider Tumut-Gundagai communities. Talbingo wishes to improve reception of the local station 96.3 and contribute to the programming and community of interest that exists in the local region.

The transmission facilities for Talbingo are proposed to be sited on Big Talbingo Mountain (coordinates 2055/5795 Map 8526-1-N) alongside the NSW Police, Rural Fire Service, CREST, RTA and other users. Please refer to separate supporting information, including local supporting documents and engineering assessment. We understand that at this time, Gundagai and other communities in the Wagga LAP are being assessed, however, we feel it is appropriate to highlight to the ACMA what the whole region is requesting at this time. That is, a change to the boundaries of different LAPs. We have supplied supporting information for both proposals.

Separate studios for each community will be built to allow direct community input, without the need for travel to Tumut town to the main studios. This will serve a special community-focused purpose for practical, hands-on local in-town training as well as enable immediate emergency broadcasts to go to air whatever the location or time. These ‘satellite studios’ are not a new idea, in fact have been in local radio for many years. They have been spoken about at length in the Tumut region since the permanent licensing of 2TVR. Already, the radio station has purchased codec-based technology to be able to broadcast in full CD quality from any location around the region. This technology has been extensively trialed from various locations and is suited to the remote satellite studios proposed for Talbingo and Gundagai. The communities have indicated their support for such a proposal, as indicated by the attached supporting documentation. 2TVR is in a well supported, financially viable and locally focused position to be able to put these services into place effectively.

It is important to note, that 2TVR is not seeking further sponsorship revenue from these communities. Due to the limit placed on sponsorship and the fact that 2TVR is in a well supported position, the reason for pursuing this LAP variation is purely community focused in broadcasting the local signal to more areas that are demanding the service. The recipients of the improved signal will benefit from the relevant local information, news, training and programs and importantly the local, familiar voices they have become used to.

2TVR has no issues with 2AAAFM and its proposal to site a transmitter in Gundagai. This of course is adding diversity to the programming choices available to audiences in our region. 2TVR simply wishes to do the same, but add the extra local resources needed to make the current service even more locally relevant through the addition of permanent remote studios and ADSL/ISDN links to both Gundagai and Talbingo will also enable equal and locally relevant and regular opportunities for community contributions and training from all centres of our region.
It was decided only recently (due to local discussions and increased demand since the public exhibition of the current draft proposal) that we should approach the ACMA for their opinion and support at this time, and to include Gundagai and Talbingo together in the planning process. We have further engineering assessment reports and supporting information available if necessary, understanding that the calling for submissions at this time refers to Gundagai and the Wagga LAP.

Thank you for accepting this brief submission written on behalf of the wider community who are demanding improvements to the local community radio service 2TVR. As operators, volunteers, staff and ultimately custodians of extremely valuable and scarce broadcasting spectrum, we are extremely proud of the fact that the wider community is actively contributing to the programming, development and ongoing operation of the Tumut based 2TVR.

Yours faithfully

HUGH PACKARD
Chairperson
Montreal Community Theatre Inc.
Radio FM 96.3 Sounds of The Mountains
Executive summary:

- Addition of an extra frequency in Gundagai on Mount Parnasses for the retransmission of Tumut based 2TVR and to operate at 20 watts ERP to maintain the ‘town-only’ characteristics of the current ACMA engineering assessment of the Gundagai district. Surveyed and available frequency for Gundagai is 94.3 MHz.

- On a separate but similar proposal, the alteration of the Monaro and Wagga LAP to include Talbingo, Cabramurra and The Northern side of Kosciusko National Park to exist as they do now; as part of the existing Tumut Shire Council and locally relevant Tumut census boundaries. This would allow 2TVR, through separate retransmission frequency 95.3 mhz to broadcast without current signal strength issues further along the Snowy Mountains Highway and resolve reception problems in Talbingo, along Blowing Dam and also the many trails and roads in and around this area used frequently by locals and visitors. Engineering assessment works and transmission facilities are proposed to be located on Big Talbingo Mountain fire tower. The ACMA assessed ‘Boraig Station’ (Boraig 601 AHD 35 37’ 60” 148 15’ 17”") retransmission site is not suitable due to its insufficient height above sea level, fully wind-loaded and privately owned status. This site is also operating at its maximum electrical supply capacity as well, and is not suitable for additional services.

- This proposal requests the ‘sharing’ of the Northern side of Kosciusko National Park with the broadcasters of the Monaro. ERP of this site is proposed to be 10 watts directional operating at 95.3 MHz Coordinates of the site are zone 55 northing 148 25’ 00” and easting 35 57’ 9”.

- Both community proposals are being presented now due to high local demand and support for improvements and additions to the local service 2TVR by the people of the region.

- We are supportive of 2AAAFM in their endeavours to improve the diversity of radio services to Gundagai residents. However, as stated previously, 2TVR believes that we should also be represented in the Gundagai Shire to achieve the aforementioned goals.
Application for an apparatus licence in the broadcasting services bands (BSB)

About this form:
- This form should be used when seeking authorisation to operate a radiocommunications transmitter within the Broadcasting Services Bands.
- This form may be used when seeking variation to existing licence conditions.
- Please read the explanatory notes before completing this form.
- A separate application form is required for each licence.
- Please print clearly. Unclear or incomplete applications may delay processing.
- A blank application form and the explanatory notes are also available from the ABA web site: http://www.aba.gov.au

Disclosure of personal details:
- Information provided in the fields marked with an asterisk (*) is required, by section 147 of the Radiocommunications Act 1992, to be disclosed to the public by the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) in a Register of Radiocommunications Licences. The ACA will disclose the contents of the Register by making available for inspection by the public at any ACA office over the Internet and through the sale of a CD-ROM.

Definitions and licensing legislation:
If you need more information about the definitions and licence conditions, please contact the ABA.

Disclaimer
- Transmitter licence does not confer an exclusive right to broadcast in licensed area.

Payment options for licence fee:
- Licences issued for periods up to and including one year must be paid for in full at time of application.
- Licences issued for any period greater than one year, up to five years, may be paid for in full at time of application or by annual instalments.

When to send this form:
- Applicants are requested to submit their applications at least 8-12 weeks before the proposed commencement date.

Where to send this form:
- For commercial, community, open narrowcasting and temporary community licensing:
  Australian Broadcasting Authority
  PO Box Q500
  QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDING NSW 1230
- For national, test transmission, special events and retransmission licensing:
  Australian Broadcasting Authority
  PO Box 34
  BELCONNEN ACT 2616

Further information
- For commercial, community, open narrowcasting and temporary community licensing, please telephone freecall 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700 for local calls.
- For national, test transmission, special events and retransmission licensing; please telephone freecall 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700 for local calls

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- Satellite Input
- Off-air Input

- Callsign of the service to be transmitted: ZTUR
- Input frequency: 96.3 MHz
- Channel: 2
- Location: MTWASBPOOVR

Note: If you intend to retransmit a commercial or community service, please provide written consent from the relevant licenses.

Variation of licence conditions:

- Apparatus licence number:

- Details of the variation:

Other, please specify:

- Broadcaster Identifier: FM 94.3

- Proposed commencement date:

- Cessation date (if the proposed service is temporary):

- Dates/days of operation (if the proposed service is not full-time): FULL TIME

Required Licence period:

Licences for open narrowcasting, national, retransmission services may be issued for periods up to 5 years. Please indicate the required period below. Licences for commercial, community and temporary community broadcasting services will be issued for periods specified on the broadcasting service licence only.

- ☑ one year
- ☐ two years
- ☐ three years
- ☐ four years
- ☑ five years

Payment options for licence fee:

- ☑ Full payment
- ☐ Annual instalments

Licences issued for periods up to and including one year must be paid for in full at time of application. Licences issued for longer periods may be paid for in full at time of application or by annual instalments.

If you would like the licence to have a particular expiry date, please specify:

- Date
- Month
- Year
Section 3 – Transmitter site details

Section 3.1
This section must be completed by applicants applying for licences to broadcast commercial, community or open narrowcasting services identified in licence area plans prepared by the ABA.

Name of licence area plan

WAGGA R43 - PROPOSED

Technical Specification Number
(As specified in the licence area plan)

TS 100 149 81

Note: If you intend to operate the transmitter from the nominal site as specified in the licence area plan, you are not required to complete the rest of this section or Section 4 – Emission details. Please go to Section 5 – Applicant’s declaration.

Section 3.2
This section must be completed by other applicants and the above applicants who want to operate the transmitter from the site other than that specified in the licence area plan.

Site number

(If known, please complete then go to Section 4 – Emission details.)

Site name

Site address

Post code

Site height AHD

Meters

Map name

Map number

Map scale

Australian Map Grid Reference

Zone

Easting

Northing

(10 meter accuracy is required)

OR

Zone

Latitude

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Note: Please attach a map of the site. You are advised to check the accuracy of the proposed site details with the Australian Communications Authority in your State or with a registered surveyor.

If you propose to co-site with another service, please provide details.

Proposed coverage area

(List of towns or local government areas)

\[NOTE: \text{DIFFERENT FREQUENCY TO TECH. SPECIFICATIONS}\]
### Section 4 - Emission details

#### Section 4.1 - FM radio or television

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Section 5 – Applicant’s declaration

We declare and acknowledge the following.

1. In making this application, we have not relied on any representation made by the ABA or ACA, its officers, employees or agents.
2. The information on this application and in any accompanying documents are true and correct.
3. Any attachment required by this application form constitutes part of this application form.
4. The equipment to be employed is of a type which meets the requirements set out in the Radiocommunications Act 1992.

Applicant which is a company or an incorporated association

The common seal of

Company name: Montrose Community Theatre

Seal

was affixed to this form in accordance with its articles of association in the presence of:

Signature
Printed name: J. A. Re 10
Position in organisation: Treasurer
Date: 11/7/05

Signature
Printed name: L. S. Mair
Position in organisation: Committee Member
Date: 11/7/05

Applicants who are individuals

Signature
Printed name
Date

Signature
Printed name
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Signature
Printed name
Date
PROPOSED FREQUENCY: 94.3 MHZ

LOCATION: MT. PARNASSES, GUNDAGAI TOWN CENTRE

HEIGHT AHD: 332 METRES

ABOVE GROUND HEIGHT: 15 METRES

COORDINATES OF SITE: 55 zone 600997 easting 6119596 northing

EFFECTIVE RADIATED POWER: 20 WATTS

RADIATION PATTERN: OMNIDIRECTIONAL

ACCESS: VIA GUNDAGAI TOWNSHIP

The majority of the engineering work has been completed by the ACMA and contained in the draft. However, we propose, for this service to operate at a frequency of 94.3 Mhz. All other details are per ACMA assessment for the draft.
Mr. Lachlan Habgood
Australian Communications and Media Authority
Po Box 34
Belconnen ACT 2616

8th July 2005

Fax: 62533277

FILE REFERENCE 2002/0782

Dear Sir

As discussed today, please accept our request to delay forwarding our submission relating to the Gundagai re-transmission/draft license area plan Wagga Wagga variation proposal until early next week.

The lateness of our request is due to the fact that we were contacted only yesterday by representatives of the Gundagai community, Cr. Mike Kingwill and Mrs. Peggy Elliott to discuss further the community of interest ties and opportunities for a re-transmission service for Gundagai from Tumut’s community radio service 2TVR.

Gundagai have aspirations for their own independent service in the future, of which they would like our assistance with. We are only too happy to assist in the interim and into the future, after all, Gundagai and Tumut are only 20 minutes or 30 kilometres distant and share so many facilities and resources, both human and infrastructure.

It was decided to submit comments on the proposal relating to Tumut Community Radio altering its LAP and becoming involved with the interests of aspirant broadcasters based in the township of Gundagai only this afternoon, and after much discussion, we hope you will allow us time this weekend to complete our proposal.

Our thanks for your consideration with this request.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

David S Eisenhauer
Station Manager
Radio 2TVR Montreal Community Theatre Inc.