14th July 2005

Mr. Lachlan Habgood
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Fax: 62533277

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#### Type of licence (Tick one box only)
- National
- Commercial
  - Broadcasting service licence number: SL
  - Callsign allocated by the ABA: *
- Community
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  - Callsign allocated by the ABA: *
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- Temporary community broadcasting service (Form ABA 42 must accompany this form)
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- Special event (A special event check list must accompany this form)

#### Retransmission of existing broadcasting service
- Satellite input
- Off-air input
  - Callsign of the service to be retransmitted: 2TVR
  - Input frequency: 96.3 MHz
  - Channel: (Channel)
  - Location: Big Mountain

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

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- Apparatus licence number
- Details of the variation
- Other, please specify

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- [FM 79.5]

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#### Cessation date
- If the proposed service is temporary
- Dates/days of operation
- If the proposed service is not full-time

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- Check boxes:
  - one year
  - two years
  - three years
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- [ ] Full payment
- [ ] Annual instalments

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If you would like the licence to have a particular expiry date, please specify:
- [ ] date
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[Form ABA 12]
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: COOM4 RA 1

Technical Specification Number
(As specified in the licence area plan) TS N.A

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: TARBINGO MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER

Site address: TARBINGO

Post code: 2720

Site height AHD: Meters 1384

Map name: TARBINGO
Map number: 8526-1-N
Map scale: 1:25000

Australian Map Grid Reference
Zone 55 Easting 620500 Northing 6058000
(10 meter accuracy is required)

OR
Zone Latitude Longitude

OR
Latitude Degree Minute Second Longitude

Degree Minute Second

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.

Snoopy Hotel Tyro, National Parks, NSW Police, RFS, Forests NSW

Proposed coverage area:
(List of towns or local government areas)

TARBINGO / SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY TO KIAUDEL
Section 4 – Emission details

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This section must be completed by applicants intending to provide an FM radio or TV service.

Preferred frequency* 95.3 MHz or TV Channel
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Effective Radiated Power* 20 Watts
Height of antenna* 10 Meters (above ground)
Antenna polarisation* 1 Horizontal 0 Vertical 1 Mixed [✓]
Sound mode 0 Mono 1 Stereo/Dual Sound [✓]
Antenna radiation pattern 0 Omnidirectional 1 Directional, please provide details:

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Section 4.2 – AM radio
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Preferred frequency* kHz
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Transmitter Power* Watts
Sound mode 0 Mono 1 Stereo/Dual Sound 0
Physical mast height* Meters (above ground)

(Applicants intending to provide more than one mast, please specify the height of the tallest mast.)

Mast Details 0 Omnidirectional 1 Mast Height

(in electrical degrees)

Directional, please provide details:

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Applicant which is a company or an incorporated association

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Company name: MONTREAL COMMUNITY THEATRE INC

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Email: FM96.3@tumut.nsw.gov.au
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Section 3 - Transmitter site details

Centre Name: COOMA RA 1
TS: N.A.

Site Name: TARBINGO MOUNTAIN FREE TOWER

TARBINGO
Post code: 2720

Latitude: 35° 26' 1N
Map Scale: 1: 25000

Attention Map Grid Reference:
10 km square (4 figures):

OR:

OR:

Note: Additional information must be submitted in the appropriate format and is subject to change.

Snoopy Hyden, NSWRFS Forests NSW Police RFS FOUnTS NSW

TARBINGO / SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY TO KIAMA
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**Must be directional to avoid mutual interference.**

### Section 4.2 - AM radio

This section must be completed by applicants intending to provide an AM radio service.

*Note: The ABA may not be able to allocate the preferred frequency.*

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(Applicants intending to provide more than one mast, please specify the height of the tallest mast.)

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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

Applicant which is a company or an incorporated association

The common seal of

Company name: Montreal Community Theatre Inc

Seal

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

Signature: J.R. Reid
Printed name: J.R. Reid
Position in organisation: TREASURER
Date: 14/7/05

Signature: A.M. McGrath
Printed name: A.M. McGrath
Position in organisation: PUBLICITY OFFICER
Date: 14/7/05

Applicants who are individuals

Signature

Printed name

Date

Date

Date
18th February 2005

Australian Broadcasting Authority
PO Box 34
Belconnen ACT 2616

Re: Application for Community Radio Retransmissions/Improvements to area opposite Talbingo Service Station.

We are writing to give our full support for the application to improve the radio transmission of FM 96.3 to the Community of Talbingo, its visitors and surrounds.

The National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) of NSW, South West Slopes Tumut Region is responsible for the management of the northern end of Kosciuszko National Park. Our local community radio station is proving to be of great benefit to the National Parks & Wildlife Service and the Tumut Regions community by enabling us to communicate important public information.

As we are a major sponsor of FM 96.3 in Tumut it has enabled us to establish a direct communication link between the local community and the information we wish to distribute on park events, access issues such as road closures, fire events, weather and many other important topics. Following the 2003 fire emergency NPWS became a sponsor of FM 96.3. During future fire events it will be essential that communities such as Talbingo, which adjoins the park be fully informed on the progress of fires through community radio.

At this stage due to poor radio reception in the Talbingo area we not able to deliver our information to Talbingo, its community and visitors. As Talbingo is the last town on the Snowy Mountains highway before entering the Northern end of Kosciuszko National Park it plays an important part and vital link in ensuring people are aware of road and weather conditions when travelling through the park.

The National Parks & Wildlife Service of NSW, SouthWest Slopes Tumut Region strongly supports the improvement of FM 96.3’s radio transmission to the Talbingo area as it will help to ensure our communication with this community and their awareness of what is occurring in Kosciuszko National Park.

Yours sincerely

Steve Horsley
Region Manager
National Parks & Wildlife Service
South West Slopes Region
Attention: Mr Greg Cupitt

The Manager of Planning
Australian Broadcasting Authority
PO Box 34
BELCONNEN ACT 2616

Dear Sir:

Re: Application for Community Radio Re-Transmission

I am currently the Captain of the Talbingo Rural Fire Brigade and submit this letter in support of the Application being submitted by the Talbingo Progress & Ratepayers Association.

Our concern is that, in times of emergency (and due to the fact that we are so isolated), a reliable means of mass communication is vital as a means of informing the public of steps to be taken for their own and the whole communities safety.

To this end, I would strongly support the Application and all efforts to improve the reception of the Community Radio Station 96.3 in the Talbingo township region.

John Scott
Talbingo Rural Fire Brigade - Captain.
The Chairperson
Talbingo Progress & Ratepayers Association
PO Box 6
TALBINGO NSW 2720

28 February 2005

Re: Letter of Support Application for Community Radio Re-transmission

Dear Ms Erskine

Snowy Hydro supports the Talbingo Ratepayers & Progress Association’s approach to have the Community Radio 96.3 FM signal increased to cover the whole Shire.

Whilst we are a sponsor of the station, and this is one of many of our sponsorships, our primary aim is to support local communities in which the Snowy Mountains Scheme operates and we believe it is essential to our employees, families and residents that there is a consistently strong and clear radio system into Talbingo and the Tumut Shire.

We have personnel living in the towns of Talbingo and Cabramurra as well as Tumut and see Community Radio as an avenue for keeping them informed of local issues.

Many of our personnel and their families travel along the Snowy Mountains Highway between our Centres and Community Radio is an ideal medium to inform them of current road conditions. (Conditions can vary at very short notice in the mountains). Road closures do happen during emergencies as demonstrated during the 2003 bush fires and radio coverage is required to relay this information).

This means of communication could also apply in an emergency situation particularly relating to a dam and or major civil works failure relating to the Snowy Hydro Scheme. The Local Emergency Management Committee, of which Snowy Hydro Ltd is a member, would see the radio station as a critical medium to keep the communities informed. Our dams are located in remote areas and the ability to transmit extreme weather warnings to members of the Public could prove to be life saving.

Yours faithfully

Maarten van der Slap
Area Manager LT
To whom it may concern,

**Improvement to community radio FM 96.3 broadcasting from Tumut to our area.**

As we are a small club if we could use community radio to talk to fishing/boating enthusiasts and all water recreational users in the area it would make it easier for us to approach sponsors and give them better value for money for their sponsor dollars and to warn water users to bad weather and dangerous conditions on the lakes. And in the event of an accident occurring on the dam most boats today have radio/CD or cassette players on them it would be easy to get information out to the people.

I believe it would be an asset to the community and the tourists that come to our region to have improved radio reception.

Yours Sincerely,

Anthony Smith  
President
Ms Jo Vincent
National Parks and Wildlife Service
South West Slopes
Snowy Mountains Highway
Tumut NSW 2720

12th April 2005

Dear Ms Vincent

Following from our discussion yesterday, I wish to detail our proposal to your organisation in order to gain approval for immediate application to the Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) for allocation of spectrum.

As you are no doubt aware, reception of FM 96.3 Sounds of The Mountains, whilst satisfactory in many areas of the Tumut Shire is not satisfactory in Talbingo or along the Northern side of Kosciusko National Park, including importantly the 100 kilometer section between Tumut and Kiandra. To rectify this issue, we propose the installation of a low-power re-transmission site on Big Talbingo Mountain.

This site would exist alongside the NSW Police Service, RTA, SES and Snowy Hydro radio and microwave installations, exact positioning to be determined. At this stage, inside the Fire Tower structure would be the location of equipment and space requirements would be minimal.

The equipment would consist of 1 rack unit size exciter/transmitter, a receiver and power source, consisting of either two 60 watt solar panels or via Snowy Hydro’s battery supply source already on Big Talbingo Mountain. Discussions are already underway with Snowy Hydro engineers, and like NPWS as sponsors, they are keen to assist where they can.

There would be many benefits to businesses and visitors, locals and travelers alike that use the Tumut Shire for whatever purpose when they can all hear FM 96.3. The issue of road safety is paramount to all others in this instance, particularly when the snowfalls arrive and create issues on the Snowy Mountains Highway. Also, having access to free-to-air radio broadcasts around and into the National Park would also bring enormous benefit to the region and the effected communities such as Talbingo.
There is demand from all concerned with the future of FM 96.3 to extend the coverage area, however we must overcome a number of obstacles including the fact that this region of the Tumut Shire comes under the License Area Plan of Cooma/Monaro. The issue at hand for the NPWS is site access and control.

Can you please advise us as to what immediate and necessary steps are required to successfully advance this proposal at your earliest convenience?

With the winter months arriving soon we wish to have this installation operational so we may conduct our business of informing the public and keeping the region and its people as safe and up-to-date as possible through relevant local broadcasting.

Thank you and your staff for your assistance.

Kind regards

DAVID S EISENHAUER
Station Manager
FM 96.3