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Good Afternoon

Submission on DRAFT VARIATION - WAGGA
WAGGA FOLLOWS

Regards

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Mr Lachlan Habgood
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Dear Mr Habgood

File reference 2002/0782

Reference to Draft Variation to Wagga Wagga Radio Licence area plan.

We wish to object to Wagga Wagga Community Media Co-operative Society (2AAA) plan to extend their service to the townships of Coolamon and Gundagai.

It is our belief that as a community radio service their charter is to service the Wagga Wagga Area. The issue of community radio for Coolamon and Gundagai should be a separate community radio issue for those townships enabling their communities to have complete control and service for their own needs and not be motivated by commercial needs.

It should also be pointed out that both 2WG and 2WZD do in fact provide a very comprehensive service to both of these townships. Both stations sponsor many Coolamon and Gundagai local events such as The Tuckerbox Festival incorporating the Gundagai Snake Gully Cup, Gundagai Rodeo and Coolamon on Display. 2WG and StarFM promotional vehicles conduct live crosses and announcers speak to local identities from each town on a regular basis. Our local newsroom also covers these townships.

In addition, access is always available on both stations (2WG and 2WZD) for community announcements such as venue changes outside normal hours, urgent council information, warnings, fire calls, school bus trips late arrival and police messages.

Yours sincerely

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