Commercial Radio Response to Variation to Licence Area Plan - Remote Central and Eastern Australia Radio

ACE Radio Broadcasters wishes to formally acknowledge the inclusion in the "Commercial Radio Response - Variation to Licence Area Plan - Remote Central and Eastern Australia" prepared by Dr. Les Sable that states, "This document has been reviewed by representatives of the commercial broadcast networks affected by the transmission changes proposed by the ACMA. The commercial broadcast networks have given full support for the recommendations contained in this response document."

Furthermore, we have actively participated in and had a number of recommendations included in the report that are now included in the LAPS for Beech Forest, Birchip and Speed.

It should also be noted that after reviewing the original proposal for Apollo Bay, we accepted the original ACMA proposal.

In essence, it is unacceptable that the proposed LAPS for Beech Forest, Birchip and Speed have omni directional coverage, are on medium power and have a better coverage area than we have been afforded! How they can have coverage into an existing licence area and be described as Remote Area licences is incomprehensible and needs to be addressed.

We urge the ACMA to adopt the recommendations contained within the CRA report.

Regards,

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