Dear Christopher,

RE: Draft Variation to Licence Area Plan for Hobart Radio

The ABC has examined the Explanatory Paper and Draft Licence Area Plan (LAP) Variation for Hobart Radio and would like to respond as follows:

**Preliminary View 1**

The ABC welcomes the ACMA’s endorsement of increasing the transmitter power of the NewsRadio service at Ralphs Bay from 2 kW to 5 kW. The change will provide a better coverage in Hobart without causing co-channel interference to other radio services.

**Preliminary View 2**

The ABC notes the ACMA proposal of making channel capacity available for an additional service at Devonport for the Hobart community radio service.

**Preliminary View 3**

The ABC notes the ACMA proposal of making channel capacity available for a new open narrowcasting radio service at Hobart.
Preliminary View 4

The ACMA proposal of redefining the existing commercial and community radio broadcasting licence areas in Hobart LAP using 2006 census data is noted.

Preliminary View 5

The ACMA proposal of updating the Schedules and Attachments in the Hobart LAP is noted.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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