Yirrkala Dhanbul

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To Whom It May Concern:

Dhanbul Council would like to provide our support for the establishment of a permanent community radio service for the north-east Arnhem Land region. Aboriginal Resource and Development Service (ARDS) is currently providing a service through the region on a temporary community broadcast licence which is available in our community of Yirrkala and is providing many positive benefits.

ARDS service has provided a platform for local traditional and contemporary music to be heard by the Yolngu people, supporting their cultural identity. It has also provided them with access to informational and educational programs on health, law, economics and news in their language, Yolnu Matha. Communities are also now able to broadcast community announcements about local upcoming events.

We recently ran a Healthy Skin Week program in our community and utilised ARDS Radio Service to let everyone know about the planned activities. This proved extremely useful and improved the community participation in the program.

We believe that a permanent licence would be highly beneficial to the whole region, not only for enabling Yolngu people to be informed of local events, but also to remain in touch with broader national issues that impact our community.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

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