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Dear Sir,

DISCUSSION PAPER TO THE DRAFT VARIATION TO THE LICENCE AREA PLAN FOR DARWIN AND KATHERINE TELEVISION AND RADIO

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on behalf of Larrakia TV Darwin. As previously submitted Larrakia TV acknowledges the detail as outlined in the Explanatory paper and is largely in agreement with the Preliminary view 1 - Television.

Considering the draft variation fits with Larrakia TV’s charter in line with the Broadcasting Services Act 18(1) a “Special Interest Group”, this variation will enable Larrakia TV to continue to meet our target objectives to provide ongoing Indigenous jobs, participation, production and provision of Indigenous television broadcasting, programming and content.

It is important to reiterate that Larrakia TV’s role as the only Indigenous television broadcaster in Darwin is pivotal to ensure the ongoing work and relationships with Aboriginal communities, government and non-government departments and also as an emergency service broadcaster working with the NT Police and Emergency services, NT Health and Housing, Aboriginal Interpreter Services, and numerous Indigenous and essential services providers.

Larrakia TV is requesting that consideration be given to changing the proposed allocation of Channel 36 to Larrakia TV digital TV service to Channel 35 as implementing Ch36 will be difficult and expensive when compared to Ch35 which will allow Larrakia TV to install a digital transmitter and get the services to air economically and with minimal delay.

Larrakia TV reiterates that the Variation to the Licence Area for Darwin Television is integral to establish its long-term goals and is willing to work with the ACMA towards sustainable, long-term television broadcasting solutions in the best interests of Indigenous Australians and the broader Australian society.

Yours sincerely

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