To Whom it May Concern,

I understand that the ACMA is considering changes to the Lithgow LAP regarding translators at Katoomba for commercial radio services 2LT and 2ICE. At my current location 1079FM (2ICE) comes in well with Stereo reception and minimal fuzz, 2LT AM however is a different story. 2LT is received as a very weak signal and more often or not is subjected to electrical interference (which is beyond my control to stop) and for periods of time is completely unreceiveable. I would propose that the ACMA consider instead allocating 99.5MHz as the frequency for the 2LT retransmission, in regard to 2ICE the ACMA could allow an increase of power for the 107.9MHz service or wait until a suitable second frequency for a Katoomba retransmission is made available as 2ICE can be received on 107.9MHz quite well relative to 2LT AM in the Blue Mountains Area. I suggest that in the long term that both 2LT & 2ICE are given allocations on the FM band but that 2LT be allocated a FM frequency first as 2ICE is more widely receiveable in the Blue Mountains than 2LT, allocating 2LT a frequency on the FM band would also mean increased audio fidelity, stereo sound as well as increased resistance to electrical interference.

Secondly if 2LT & 2ICE are allowed to broadcast to the Katoomba licence area, The Australian Radio Network’s service: The Edge (2ONE) on 96.1MHz would suffer from minimal loss of advertising revenue as from observation a large majority of their advertisments are for the Sydney metropolitan area (which is out of 2ONE’s licence area) as opposed to Blue Mountains advertisments (eg, advertisments for Chatswood Chase in Sydney North East was heard on 2ONE). An observation of advertisments on 2ICE & 2LT however, show that they instead target advertisers in the Bathurst, Lithgow/Blue Mountains region.

Regards,