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Re: File ref 2005/2151

I am writing in support of the submission by Aboriginal Resource and Development Services for a new radio service in Arnhem Land.

This organisation has for a number of years been providing a radio broadcast service (on a temporary licence) to the major Indigenous communities in part of the Top End of the Northern Territory.

This has consisted of a mixture of traditional items, educational type content informing communities of more “western” concepts, news and music. Programs have been prepared and presented in both English and Indigenous languages.

The program content, the involvement of Indigenous people and the use of their languages have all helped to make these broadcasts a most useful service for the people in this remote region.

Aboriginal Resource Development Service wish to expand their service to cover the more remote parts of North East Arnhem Land and to improve broadcast transmission and reception.

In terms of the nature, cultural appropriateness and usefulness of these broadcasts I am most happy to support their submission for this community broadcasting service.

Yours sincerely,

Trish Crossin
Senator Trish Crossin

Cc ARDS, Nhulunbuy

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