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Re......... ACMA proposes to
improve the coverage of
Lithgow commercial radio services

The ACMA have asked for comment
on its plan to rearrange broadcasting
in the Blue Mountains LAP.

ACMA prepares licence area plans under section 26(1)
of the Broadcasting Services

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Act 1992 and may vary licence area plans under section 26(2) of the Act.

Vakle Vision is pleased that the ACMA The draft variation proposes to make spectrum available for the full range of ABC radio services including ABC Classic FM, 2JJJ and ABC Radio News (incorporating the Parliamentary News Network) If this also includes a transmitter for ABC Local Radio which would enable the ABC to establish a local radio service at Katoomba similar to the ABC local service at Gosford.

We are not in favour of The ACMA draft variation to the Lithgow radio licence area plan which proposes that the 2LT translator service in Katoomba convert from AM to FM on 101.1 MHz at a maximum effective radiated power of 1 kW. It also proposes to increase the effective radiated power
for the 2ICE translator service in Katoomba, to 1kW. But 2RPH will also use 101.1 MHz in Sydney. There are many listeners with poor vision in the Mountains and parts of Sydney who could not then rely on this frequency instead of the poor AM reception on 1224. Also Increasing the Power of the 2ICE translator service in Katoomba on 107.9, to 1kW will also allow this station to cover all Sydney. In the past this opportunity lost Katoomba’s local station to Sydney.

Do 2LT and 2ICE have the resources to establish these services within a reasonable time frame?

Are they 2LT and 2ICE ever been or are in receivership?

Are They or Have they been offered for sale?
In View of this should the ACMA be offering 2LT and 2ICE this windfall at this time?

or offering a new local commercial licence at Katoomba to anyone else.

There is also little community of interest between Lithgow and Katoomba.

Example.. A 2BLUE Community translator in Lithgow would be alien.

It is interesting also that the ACMA can find frequencies for commercial stations but can not find a frequency in Sydney for aspirant community broadcasters.

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