



Mrs. Lena Gustin,

Dear Sir,

It is anticipated that shortly our Association will be in a position to apply to the Australian Government for a radio station on behalf of the community. An in depth study on the question of the organizational structure to be adopted, which has been conducted on a voluntary basis by our working group, has indicated that:-

- a) We should apply for a licence on the AM band.
- b) Subject to the granting of such licence, our Association should apply for incorporation under the Co-operation Act of N.S.W. as a Community Advancement Co-operative.
- c) The proposed Co-operative should be open to all members of the community and to its associations and firms subject to the provisions of its proposed Rules.

Very little has been done on the programming side as the whole community should be involved in the formulation of the programme schedule to be attached to the application. However, because of the pressure which no doubt will be exerted by other ethnic groups (just as keen if not as financially strong as we would be) it has been decided to submit to the Australian Government that, should a licence be granted to us, we shall provide broadcasting access to all ethnic groups belonging to the romance linguistic background such as the French, the Portuguese and the Spaniards and, consequently, all Latin-Americans. Should it become essential we would also be prepared to extend access to a further group, subject to the wishes of the Government. It will be obvious to you that our alternative is the best possible compromise to the very involved problem facing those who are at this moment dealing with the question of ethnic broadcasting.

A preliminary study on the financial soundness of the venture has established that such a radio station as we envisage, once fully operational, would show an adequate margin of profitability whilst still maintaining a proper balance between programmes of entertainment value such as music, comedy, sports, news, etc. and programmes of social value dealing with education, welfare and community news.

Our group has now reached the second phase of its action plan and this phase provides for the formation of a FOUNDATION COMMITTEE. The Foundation Committee in turn will select from its own Members the various Committees to be charged with the task of deliberating on all aspects of the enterprise. The leaders of the community will be the Members of the Foundation Committee and all sectors of the community will be represented on same.

It is felt that you would make a considerable contribution to the workings of the Foundation Committee and therefore you are hereby officially invited to become a full Member of same. The first meeting of the Foundation Committee is planned for a date to be fixed towards the second half of this month and, subject to your acceptance of the position hereby offered (by using the enclosed form), you will be notified of the details relating to the meeting with at least 7 days' notice.

Trusting you will see fit to accept and share in our effort, I look forward to your prompt reply and remain,

Yours sincerely,

  
Pino Bosi, Chairman.