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Dear Member,

As you know last month, the Ethnic Communities Council submitted an application for the ethnic public FM radio licence for Sydney on behalf of the Multicultural Community Radio Association (MCRA).

The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal (ABT) has commenced an inquiry into the granting of the licence and is now seeking expressions of interest from the public about the worthiness of the applicants.

It is extremely important for MCRA members to respond to the request by the ABT as an indication of support for our bid for a multicultural FM licence. The ABT will receive submissions irrespective of their length or detail. When making your submission you may find it useful to address the following points:

1. that we are the most fit and appropriate group to hold the licence,
2. that our multicultural programming philosophies are the most suitable for this licence grant.
3. that our constitution and access and equity structure is adequate and comprehensive,
4. that we complement most effectively the existing ethnic radio outlets and supplement the Sydney media most appropriately

Submission should be presented on your letterhead where possible and submitted to the ABT by close of business 6 July 1990.

An extract of the ABT press advert is enclosed for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Masselos
CONVENOR MCRA



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NOTICE OF INQUIRY

INTO THE GRANT OF A PUBLIC RADIO LICENCE TO SERVE THE ETHNIC COMMUNITY OF SYDNEY

SUBMISSIONS INVITED

The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal has commenced an inquiry into the grant of a special purpose (ethnic) public radio licence to serve Sydney.

THE ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

The issues to be considered in the inquiry arise from the criteria set out in s83C of the Broadcasting Act 1942. They are:

- (a) Whether the applicants have each given an undertaking to:
 - i) comply with the conditions of the licence;
 - ii) provide an adequate and comprehensive service pursuant to the licence;
 - iii) encourage the provision of programs wholly or substantially produced in Australia; and
 - iv) use, and encourage the use of, Australian creative resources in connection with the provision of programs;
- (b) Whether the grant of a public licence to any of the applicants would be contrary to a provision of the Act;
- (c) Whether it appears that a special purpose (ethnic) public radio licence to serve Sydney should not be granted;
- (d) To grant the licence to any of the applicants, having regard only to the following matters or circumstances:
 - i) whether that applicant is a fit and proper person to hold the licence;
 - ii) whether that applicant has the financial, technical and management capabilities necessary to provide an adequate and comprehensive service pursuant to the licence;
 - iii) whether that applicant is otherwise capable of complying with the conditions of the licence;
 - iv) the need for the commercial viability of overlapping non-limited services;
 - v) the undesirability of a person being in a position to exercise control of more than one public licence;
 - vi) the undesirability of the Commonwealth, a State or the Northern Territory or a statutory authority of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory, or a political party being in a position to exercise control of the licence;
 - vii) the undesirability of the licence being held by a corporation whose operations pursuant to the licence will be conducted, either wholly or substantially, for the purpose of the acquisition by another person of profit or gain;
 - viii) the desirability of members of the community to be served being in a position to exercise control of the licence; and
 - ix) the need to encourage members of the community to be served to participate in the operations of the licensee and the selection and provision of programs.
- (e) Which of the applicants is the most suitable.

SUBMISSIONS AND THE INQUIRY FILE

If you wish to make a submission relating to the inquiry on any of the above matters, you should lodge it with the Tribunal's North Sydney office by 5.00 pm on Friday 6 July 1990. This call is in addition to the invitation extended by the Minister for Transport and Communications in his notice dated 31 January 1990.

The inquiry file will be updated progressively and will contain all material, including submissions, on which the Tribunal will rely in reaching its decision. The inquiry file can be inspected during business hours at the following locations:

Parramatta City Library
Civic Place
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Broadcasting Tribunal Library
1st Floor, 76 Berry Street
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060

Inquiry Officer: Margaret Kaluza, Telephone (02) 959 7811



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