

I would like to make the following submission in connection with the key issues as indicated in Discussion Paper 2010.

Key Issue 1:

Yes there should be greater flexibility including the broadcasting of material of local significance on weekends which should be over and above the weekly quota they are required to broadcast.

- My concern is many stations, including ACE Radio stations in Victoria, drop local news broadcasts in December and January, as does the ABC.
- Few commercial stations provide local sports results.
- Apart from the “music” stations most of the commercial stations broadcast Australian Football League matches and do not give results of VFL, TAC or competitions in their coverage area. (“Our” ABC does not provide this service either.) These commercial stations should be required to give local football and other sports results in real time. (Most community stations don’t cover the areas required even if they do broadcast sports.)

Key Issue 2.1:

- a) NO
- b) YES
- c) NO

Key Issue 2.2:

- a) YES
- b) NO – how can they?

Key Issue 5:

The broadcaster should comply indefinitely.

There should be no change.