

The General Manager,  
Digital Broadcasting & Spectrum Management,  
Department of Communications,  
Information Technology & the Arts.

30th March 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

Australian democracy and culture depends on there being no further loss of media diversity in any area of Australia, and a strong, independent national public broadcaster. It is imperative that we have the following:-

- 1) no reduction in the number of media outlets in metropolitan or local areas across Australia.
- 2) No weakening of the cross-media ownership laws that currently regulate the type of media outlets that can be owned in any market.
- 3) The issuing of media licences to remain with a relevant public authority which is independent from government.
- 4) The lifting of restrictions on the types of programmes the ABC and SBS can multichannel.

Yours sincerely,  
(Ms) J. Daniels (Ms) M. Woodman