

**ALL AUSTRALIANS
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THEIR FAVOURITE
RADIO STATIONS ONLINE**

**DEMANDING ADDITIONAL
FEES FOR MUSIC FROM
REGIONAL STATIONS THAT
SIMULCAST ONLINE IS
SIMPLY NOT FAIR.**

URGENT MATTER

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The Hon John Cobb MP

**Via Fax - Electorate Office: 6362-3480 (Orange) / 6331-0524 (Bathurst)
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Dear Mr. Cobb

ALL AUSTRALIANS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO LISTEN LIVE TO THEIR FAVOURITE RADIO STATION HOWEVER THEY CHOOSE

I am writing to ask you to support my local commercial radio station, 2BS and B-Rock.

2BS and B-Rock have stopped playing their local free to air broadcast live on the internet because they are being asked by the multinational record companies' collecting agent, the PPCA, to pay a second time, and pay a higher fee, for music that they already pay for.

That doesn't seem fair. Some listeners like to listen to a live and local radio broadcast on the internet which is exactly the same as if they listening in the car or at home on the radio. I want to be able to listen to my local station wherever I am.

My radio station explained that all local radio stations pay a fee to the Government for the right to broadcast, plus another fee to the record labels and artists for their music through the PPCA and another fee to the composers of the music through another collecting agent called APRA.

It seems they are getting hit for fees quite a lot.

I have also found out that this is only happening because the record companies had a Government regulation overturned in Court under the last Labor Government.

As the current Liberal National Government, why can't you put a better form of that regulation back in place and protect my right to hear my local station live wherever I am – especially in an emergency?

Local stations are a part of our community, providing news, information, entertainment, community service announcements and emergency warnings, multinational record companies are not.

As my local member, please send the message to the rest of your Government that local commercial radio station listeners support their local radio station and think they should NOT have to pay twice for the same music.

Yours sincerely

Name: _____

Signature: _____