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Date: 1/03/2023

Re: Proposal to vary the Remote Central and Eastern radio licence area plan – consultation 40/2022

Dear Manager,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Proposal to vary the Remote Central and Eastern radio licence area plan – consultation 40/2022.

Please accept this document as my formal submission on behalf of Hawkesbury Nepean Broadcasters Pty Ltd and Noise FM Pty Ltd.

We are supportive of the proposal to include National, Community and Commercial Radio Services within Norfolk Island RA1, however given the unique history, culture and economy of Norfolk Island, I would argue that Norfolk Island should have local Commercial Radio Services rather than networked commercial radio programming piped in from the Australian mainland. Therefore, I would ask the ACMA to allocate any commercial radio licences for Norfolk Island via public allocation/auction, rather than giving these valuable licences to an incumbent mainland broadcaster.

Furthermore, given the high degree of FM spectrum availability on Norfolk Island, I would ask the ACMA to make available multiple High Power Narrowcast (HPON) frequencies for Norfolk Island.

If the ACMA invited applications for Commercial Radio and/or High Power Narrowcast (HPON) in Norfolk Island, my company would definitely apply for such licences.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further clarification or information.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Rose', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nathan Rose
Managing Director