



**Proposal to vary the
Tamworth Radio licence area plan
Version 2**

Consultation Paper 41/2022

24th July 2023



Introduction

The ACMA has re-opened the December 2022 proposal to vary the Tamworth licence area plan. The following 2YOU proposal is an update of the previous submission dated 26th January 2023 and has been approved by the Committee Members of the Tamworth Broadcasting Society Inc.

Submission Proposal to Vary the Tamworth Licence Area Plan

This submission addresses the significant lack of an adequate 88.9Mhz signal within the designated RA2 LAP, that prevents the 2YOU service to address the region's growth over 40 years of the Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) Local Government Area (LGA).

Licence Awarded

The licence was awarded to Tamworth Broadcasting Society Inc. for community station licence SL3061 in 1983. Since the allocation of 1Kw to service the Tamworth RA2, in the 40 years, there have been significant increases in population that has now spread across the larger Tamworth region. This increased population growth has meant, in the 40 years, that considerable numbers of the community still continue to receive poor (or no) reception of the 88.9Mhz service on 1Kw, from the current site, Signal-One on Bald Hill, allocated in 1983.

Region's Growth

In 40 years, there have been significant factors that have changed the population geographically and social-economic structure across the Tamworth region. This submission is to provide the ACMA an understanding on how the community population will have grown and diversified since 1983 in the RA2 LAP.

In 2004, with amalgamation the Tamworth City Council was replaced by Tamworth Regional Council (TRC). This is to provide the ACMA an insight how the population across the TRC LGA has become more reliant on the commercial and government organisations located in Tamworth's CBD and industrial suburbs. When awarded the community licence in 1983, the Tamworth population was 29,400.

The population growth in the Tamworth Regional Council LGA in 2022 is *64,459. (*ABS ERP 2022*) Attachment 1, (a) and Attachment *16 years regional growth* (b).



Therefore, the population has increased by 35,381 or over 120 percent from that of 1983. The Tamworth Regional Council LGA population is forecast to continue to grow across the LGA for successive years, e.g., 2030 of 72,820 and is also forecast to grow to 81,425 by 2041. (*ABS ERP Feb 2023*) Attachment 1, (c).

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Regional Growth

Tamworth Regional Council has grown in the 20 years to absorb towns previously in the Barraba Shire local government area, including the town of Barraba.

The former Parry Shire was located in the Liverpool Plains region and was also absorbed into the TRC, that covered a broad area of countryside, south and east of Tamworth.

Peel Shire was amalgamated with Cockburn Shire to form Parry Shire. In 2004, the City of Tamworth and the surrounding shires of Parry Shire, Nundle Shire, Manilla Shire, were also amalgamated to form the Tamworth Regional Council local government area.

This NSW state government's decision for Tamworth to amalgamate with surrounding regional councils, reflects the diversification of the population spread. Tamworth's regional community services are now centralised in Tamworth for medical, commercial and government services across the boundaries of the TRC.

The 1Kw was to initially serve the community in the immediate Tamworth area. However, the population that lives in the wider areas outside of the Tamworth City in new regional suburbs that did not exist in 1983, including the new suburbs of Windmill Downs, Daruka Estate, Duri and Moore Creek to name a few. Previously in 1983 they did not exist and now should be able to receive 2YOU.

An example of this, the total TRC LGA workforce of 28,640, Attachment *Local Workers* (d), are spread across 9,894 square km of the TRC region. Attachment *employment destination zones in the TRC LGA*. (e)

Therefore, not only the regional TRC staff but also the general community are now spread across a larger area than the current allocated RA2 LAP.



Previously, the communities were all reliant of services from their previous individual shires such as the business, education, medical, government, and social services. Now, the majority emanate from the Tamworth CBD and industrial suburbs that service the community across New England and Northwest NSW.

These services have become more centralised in Tamworth City from the previous amalgamated shires while the population has gradually grown across the boundaries of the TRC LGA.

2YOU, is the only general licenced community station to serve this entire region and the only broadcast station, either commercial or national AM or FM, to broadcast locally 24 hours, 7 days across the region. As the city is the hub of all services, the entire region relies on the 2YOU broadcasts, and that is limited due to the transmission restriction of the 1Kw transmission across the LGA, allocated 40 years ago in 1983.

Terrain Has Significant Effect on the 2YOU Transmission Coverage

The Signal One location on Bald Hill is located on part of the Great Dividing Range. This Range runs 19 kilometres north east of Tamworth and is part of the Moonbi Range. The Moonbi Range rises from 500–1,300 metres (1,600–4,300 ft) above sea level. This terrain is known for its consistent problems across the transmission spectrum for a range of communication services.

The 2YOU Bald Hill transmission site runs 5 kilometres east of the city of Tamworth, on the Great Dividing Range. Manilla, Bendemeer and Nundle fall within the station's RA2 region, however, receive poor reception from the Bald Hill transmitter due to the terrain. Recent field tests (*as shown in attachment*) (g), have shown poor to almost non-existent signal from 1Kw of the 2YOU service.

It should be noted that all the initial radio and television services have been relocated to Mount Somare, 50ks from Tamworth, due to Bald Hill being a poor transmission site to service the region's broadcast services.

Request For Improving Coverage

2YOU have made several requests to the ACMA to improve coverage in the current RA2, to increasing from 1kw ERP to 3kw ERP to service parts of the population in the LGA avoiding multiple translators.

Also, a letter dated 8 years ago from the Minister for Communications Mitch Fifield in 2015 on our requests to improve the 2YOU coverage. Attachment (*Minister for Communications attachment*) (f).



Field Strength test of 2YOU coverage 1Kw transmission site Bald Hill.

The previous 50-year-old second hand 2YOU tower on Bald Hill had been condemned by engineers and required immediate replacement.

In late April 2023, 3 months ago, 2YOU moved to a new adjacent tower increasing the height from 15 metres to 30 metres. This gave 2YOU the opportunity to re-evaluate the stations RA2 signal coverage. The previous tower coverage of 2YOU had been of concern for years and therefore approaches had been made to the ACMA for improvement to the 1Kw ERP transmission.

2YOU then commissioned Wireless Doctor Pty Ltd, professional broadcast transmission consultant in July 2023 to undertake several days research of the 88.9Mhz and 96.3Mhz coverage in the RA2 LAP area. This was to determine the coverage strength to the community audience across the region. However, recent field strengths report shows that only a third of the current RA2 has acceptable signal. Many locations have indicated very poor to no signal from 2YOU in the RA2 Lap. See attachment: *Wireless Doctor report Field Strength (g)*

This field survey has led to 2YOU to make application to the ACMA to now consider increasing 2YOU to 5kw and include translators at both Manilla and Barraba. So serious is this report on the deficiency in service reach, 2YOU would be prepared to change frequency from 88.9Mhz to improve reception in all of the RA2 LAP.

This request to improve transmission of 2YOU from Bald Hill in the RA2 LAP would also answer the issues of the geographical terrain that severely restricts transmission toward the Nundle, Bendemeer region even 45Kms from Tamworth on the fringes of RA2 LAP that are well within the TRC LGA Boundaries

ACMA Assessing and Prioritising requests to vary radio license area plans (LAPS) policy guidelines. July 2013

Framework for prioritising requests radio LAP variations.

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Examples of the types of variations that have particular urgency include those necessary to ensure the continued availability of a service or for the extension of a national, commercial or community broadcasting service to an audience relying on it for community information, especially emergency alert announcements.

Examples of events causing the need for these types of variations include:

- broadcasters being forced to move from a transmitter site
- **NOTE:** changed council boundaries requiring the coverage area of a community broadcasting service to be extended to ensure community service announcements reach the population of the area.



Quirindi Transmission Coverage

Sections of the Great Dividing Range also shield 2YOU Bald Hill transmission to the Quirindi region that is in Tamworth's RA2 LAP coverage. 2YOU has previously requested infill coverage of the lower part of the RA2 coverage area including Quirindi.

2YOU was granted by the ACMA to retransmit from the Liverpool Plains Shire Council allocated frequency 96.3 Mhz due to poor reception from the Tamworth Bald Hill site on the 2YOU frequency of 88.9 Mhz.

2YOU accepts the conversion listed in the proposal to vary the Tamworth License area plan. The ACMA have allocated the frequency from 96.3 Mhz to 99.5 Mhz with effective 150W radiated power from the Who'd A Thought It Lookout, SW of the town of Quirindi, the current transmission site of 96.3 Mhz.

This will allow 2YOU to have its own dedicated frequency. Following significant promotion to the listeners on 96.3 MHz, this should allow a smooth listener transition to the new frequency.

Proposed Manila and Barraba Retransmission Coverage

The current service to Manilla, included in our RA2 coverage (as the field strength report shows), is poor. In fact, the field strength report on the 2YOU signal is below accepted signal levels of the ACMA Broadcast Services (Technical Planning) Guidelines 2017. In many parts of Manilla, it indicates why there are many phone requests on how to receive a clearer signal from 2YOU. 2YOU has sent an aerial technician on several occasions to businesses to install an outside high gain aerial to receive a clearer signal for 88.9fm. Barraba residents are restricted to listening on iHeart Radio of 2YOU. Not very satisfactory in coverage of emergencies, fire, and flood conditions.

It should be noted many of the residents in the town of Manilla, work in the City of Tamworth on a daily basis and this community relies heavily on information services of Tamworth provided by 2YOU.

Barraba have limited access to commercial or community free-to-air services with local program services.



The poor Barraba and Manilla services from Tamworth have been recognised by the ACMA as it will allocate for both commercial stations 92.9 and 2TM a frequency for rebroadcast to compensate for poor reception in the region. Therefore, the region's only general licenced community station must also be allocated the same coverage.

Region's Political and Council Support

The region's Federal, State Parliamentary Members, and Region's Mayor have provided urgent support of the increased broadcast coverage of 2YOU in the RA2 and the TRC boundaries. See *Attachments 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.*

All civic leaders have supported 2YOU's capability to cover the TRC region.

Conclusion

As on many occasions, submissions, and applications to improve 2YOU coverage in the RA2 LAP have been made to the ACMA and this effort was stated within a letter 30 May 2023 to the Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce from the Minister for Communications, Michelle Rowland, , *"I note that 2YOU has been liaising with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) over these signal and coverage issues for some time and would encourage them to continue to so."*

It should also be noted, stations in the Northwest/ New England Region have been allocated to their community broadcasters, increased broadcasting power with a smaller population spread than Tamworth's 2YOU, that has the more difficult terrain for broadcasting than all other stations in the region.

Tamworth 88.9	1Kw	Population	64,449
Armidale 92.1	2Kw	Population	35,521
Narrabri 91.3	10Kw	Population	14,426
Glenn Innes 105.3	3Kw	Population	6,115
Deepwater 91.9	5Kw	Population	8,625

The lack of service for an active community broadcaster across the TRC LGA, is reflected in the constant calls made to the station on the poor reception of the stations.



The Board of 2YOU have made several submissions to the ACMA in particular March 2022 with reference to coverage of 2YOU during flood conditions in the region. This submission carried testimonials of the 2YOU coverage from SES, town mayors and newspaper reports of the 2YOU coverage when other stations were on relay with programming from outside the region.

Letters from various emergency services over the years have been provided in various submissions and response to the ACMA investigations to allow 2YOU to provide an acceptable reception across the region. However, to this date, little consideration of the requirements of the community to increase the coverage to the region's audience has been recognised.

The Wireless Doctor report clearly identifies a need for the ACMA to improve the 2YOU service that does not currently fore fill its obligations in the coverage of the RA2 LAP to have an acceptable signal but also across the TRC LGA. The attached letters from local Federal, State and the TRC Mayor requesting the support of the 2YOU improved coverage in the RA2 LAP indicate their concerns.

To do this, it is acceptable by the Board that the 88.9Mhz frequency may be an issue, therefore it is accepted a change of frequency may be required.

It is hoped that the ACMA this time, will consider the needs of the community in this submission.

Sincerely Yours,

John Brand
President
Tamworth Broadcasting Society Inc.

Dated 24th July 2023

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ATTACHMENTS

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ATTACHMENT 1 (a)

Welcome to Tamworth Regional Council Community Profile

The Tamworth Regional Council Estimated Resident Population for 2022 is 64,459, with a population density of 6.52 persons per square km.

The Tamworth Regional Council area is located in the New England Region of New South Wales, about 410 kilometres north-west of Sydney and 580 kilometres south of Brisbane.

2021 Census data updated
All topics under "Area profiles" and "Specialist profiles" on this community profile are now updated with 2021 Census data. We are continuing to progressively update the optional Communities of Interest modules. Read more about the Communities of Interest modules.
Sign up for regular alerts on updates to this site. >>

The Tamworth Regional Council Community Profile provides demographic analysis for the Regional Council and smaller areas within it based on results from the 2021, 2016, 2011, 2006, 2001, 1996 and 1991 Censuses of Population and Housing. The profile is updated with population estimates when the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) releases new figures.

Population	64,459	Land area	9,894	Population density	6.52
	ABS ERP 2022		square km		persons per square km

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ATTACHMENT 1 (b)

“16 years regional growth”

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Estimated Resident Population Tamworth Regional Council

Year	Population
2006	60,000
2007	60,000
2008	60,000
2009	60,000
2010	60,000
2011	60,000
2012	60,000
2013	60,000
2014	60,000
2015	60,000
2016	60,000
2017	60,000
2018	60,000
2019	60,000
2020	60,000
2021	60,000
2022	60,000

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia (3218.0). Compiled and presented by id (informed decisions)

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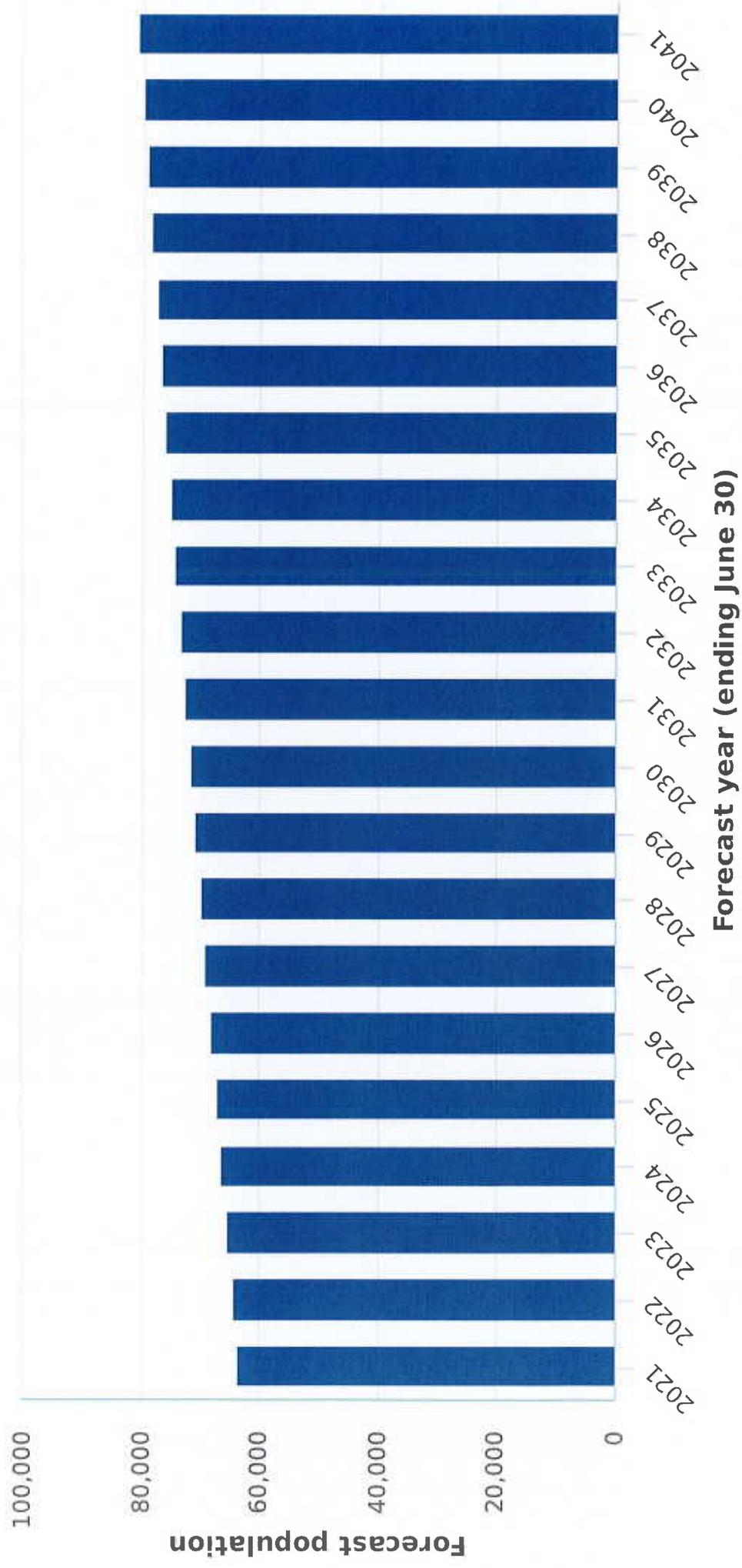
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ATTACHMENT 1 (c)

Forecast population

Tamworth Regional Council



Source: Population and household forecasts, 2021 to 2041, prepared by .id (opens a new window) (informed decisions), February 2023.





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Local Workers (d)

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Tamworth Regional Council

Employment status

Area: Tamworth Regional Co | Benchmark area: West Tamworth (Cole) | Comparison year: 2016 | Sex: Persons | reset

28,640 people living in Tamworth Regional Council in 2021 were employed, of which 63% worked full-time and 31% part-time.

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Derived from the Census question:

'Last week did the person have a full time or part time job of any kind?'

Refers to:

Persons aged 15 years and over

Tamworth Regional Council's employment statistics are an important indicator of socio-economic status. The levels of full or part-time employment, unemployment and labour force participation indicate the strength of the local economy and social characteristics of the population. Employment status is linked to a number of factors including Age Structure, which influences the number of people in the workforce; the economic base and employment opportunities available in the area and; the education and skill base of the population (Occupations, Industries, Qualifications).

The two most important measures are:

- Unemployment rate - the number of people looking for work, as a percentage of the labour force (employed and unemployed over 15)
- Participation rate - the labour force expressed as a percentage of the total population over 15

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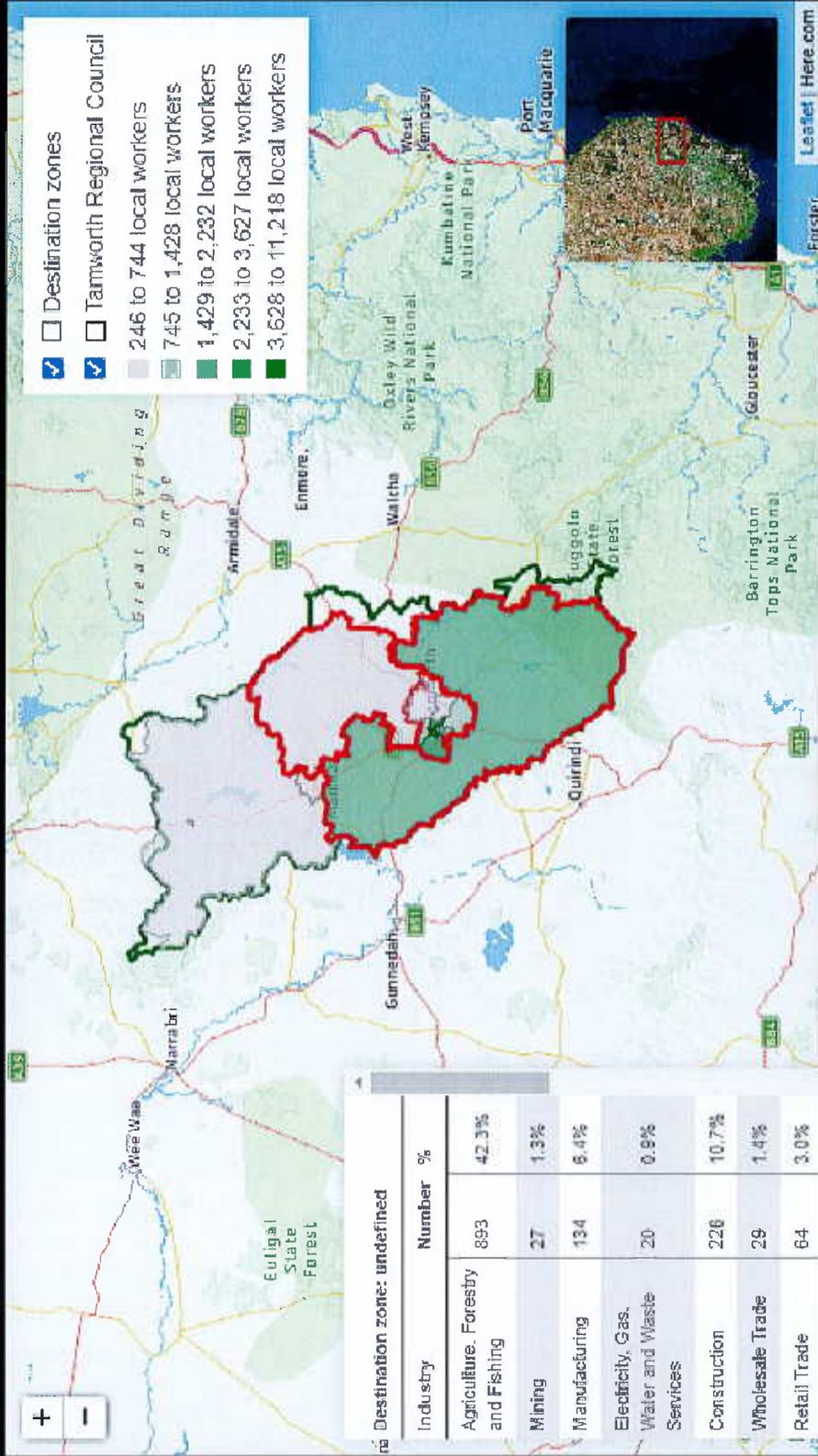
Supporting information

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- Site map



ATTACHMENT 1 (e)

**“employment destination
zones in the TRC LGA”**



- Destination zones
- Tamworth Regional Council
- 246 to 744 local workers
- 745 to 1,428 local workers
- 1,429 to 2,232 local workers
- 2,233 to 3,627 local workers
- 3,628 to 11,218 local workers

Destination zone: undefined

Industry	Number	%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	893	42.3%
Mining	27	1.3%
Manufacturing	134	6.4%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	20	0.9%
Construction	226	10.7%
Wholesale Trade	29	1.4%
Retail Trade	64	3.0%



ATTACHMENT 1 (f)

“Minister for Communications”

Wednesday → Canberra



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The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.
Member for New England
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Tamworth Broadcasting Society – application to increase transmission power

Dear Minister

Barnaby

Thank you for your letter of 9 October 2015 on behalf of Mr George Frame, Operations Manager at Tamworth Broadcasting Society Inc. (2YOU), regarding their application to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to increase transmission power.

The 2YOU service operates on 88.9 MHz in the Tamworth RA2 licence area. As you are aware, in February 2015, 2YOU applied to increase the transmission power of its community broadcasting service from a maximum effective radiated power (ERP) of 1KW to 5KW. 2YOU indicated the increase in transmission power was needed to enable its service to cover Quirindi, which is located within the Tamworth RA2 licence area.

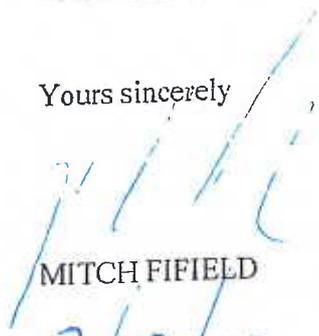
The ACMA has advised that it completed an assessment of 2YOU's application in October 2015. The ACMA has advised that it will not be approving the requested increase in transmission power for the following reasons:

- the signal path from 2YOU's transmitter at Bald Hill to Quirindi is obstructed by Mount Soma and ACMA coverage predictions of the proposed increased transmission power from 1KW to 5KW would not enable the 2YOU to provide its community broadcasting service to Quirindi.
- the requested increase in transmission power would require 2YOU to move to a different frequency (i.e. change from the current 88.9 Mhz) and, due to the use of frequencies by existing services, it is unlikely that an alternative suitable frequency could be identified.

However, the ACMA has advised that there are two other transmission options available to 2YOU if it wished to provide coverage to Quirindi. 2YOU may wish to contact the ACMA's Community Broadcasting and Safeguards Section to discuss these options by emailing communitybroadcasting@acma.gov.au or by phoning on (02) 9334 7922.

Thank you for bringing Mr Frame's concerns to my attention. I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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ATTACHMENT 1 (g)

“Wireless Doctor Field Strength Report July 2023”



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June 2023

88.9fm Field Strength Survey

I conducted the field strength surveys using a rented Deva Radio Explorer 2 survey tool
<http://www.devabroadcast.com/downloads/radio-explorer-2>

The Radio explorer "logging" mode allows for automated logging of multiple radio stations' off-air field strength and gps location to an internal database for later retrieval.

Logging mode was configured for 88.9Mhz and 96.3Mhz with a capture frequency of 5sec. In the logging mode the radio explorer would tune to 89.9 for 5sec (log results), 96.3 for 5sec (log results), 88.9 for 5sec (log results)... repeated continuously while powered on.

The included Deva Mobile antenna was positioned in the center of the roof of a toyota land cruiser wagon along with the accompanying GPS antenna. The Radio explorer was powered in the vehicle using the supplied automotive outlet 12v cable

The vehicle was driven around the RA2 coverage area with the logger running over several days.

The radio explorer was then connected via ethernet and the logs downloaded to a PC. The raw files can be found at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YI2VpYL5u-pC_nx3vB15NKbNzxVCYcmN

To aid visual interpretation, the collected logging has been overlaid onto a live map, along with the Tamworth RA1 and RA2 boundary shapes.

The colour key is <25dBuV=White, 25-55dBuV=Red, 55-75dBuV=Yellow, >75dBuV=Green.

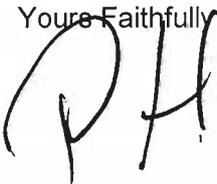
The various layers can be toggled to hidden/visible using the menu on the right hand side. Best viewed with "CartoDB dark_matter" map selected.

state that the minimum planned field strength for a service operated in the FM broadcast band to be 54dBuV

From my off-air field strength testing, and interpretation of the produced maps, I conclude that 88.9 transmission at its current power level is not covering the majority of Tamworth RA2 license area with field strength levels greater than the planned minimum of 54dBuV.

The total land area which field strengths are higher than minimum planned field strength of 54dBuV was found to be 1,024.5168 sq km, of the total licensed area of 3718.4290 sq km, therefore the current combined transmission of 88.9 and 96.3 covers just 27.55% of the Tamworth RA2 Licensed area.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'PH' with a stylized flourish.

Phil Henry, Wireless Doctor Pty Ltd



ATTACHMENT (2.1)

Barnaby Joyce

24 February 2023

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24 February 2023

Mr George Frame
Chief Executive Officer
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Via e-mail: manager@889fmtamworth.com.au

Dear Mr Frame

Thank you for your e-mail message of 15 February 2023, regarding ongoing endeavours by Tamworth Broadcast Services Ltd (TBS) to increase the signal of community radio station 88.9FM to cover the Tamworth Regional Council boundaries and with which you attached a copy of the submission lodged by TBS with the Australian Communications and Media Authority in relation to the proposal to vary the Tamworth Radio Licence Area Plan.

I have noted your comments in relation to this matter and appreciate you contacting me.

I have written to the Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, asking if consideration could be given to the proposed expansion of 88.9FM's coverage in light of the concerns and points you have raised and for her advice.

Thank you once again for writing and I will contact you when I have received a reply to my representations.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

*Always at work for
our station*

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England
Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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ATTACHMENT (2.2)

Barnaby Joyce

21 March 2023



The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP

Federal Member for New England

Our ref: NE45386

21 March 2023

Mr George Frame
Chief Executive Officer
Tamworth Broadcast Services Ltd
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TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Via e-mail: manager@889fmtamworth.com.au

Dear Mr Frame

George

Thank you for your e-mail message of 20 March 2023, further to our recent correspondence and my representations to the Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, regarding an application by Tamworth Broadcast Services Ltd to vary the coverage of 88.9 FM from the former Tamworth City Council boundaries to the current Tamworth Regional Council area.

Thank you also for including with your correspondence a copy of a letter from Cr Russell Webb, Mayor, Tamworth Regional Council, expressing Council's support for this application and highlighting the importance of the local content broadcast by 88.9 FM, particularly during times of emergency.

I have again e-mailed a letter to Minister Rowland, asking if further, urgent consideration could be given to this application in light of the concerns and points raised in relation to this matter and for her advice as soon as possible.

I have expressed my full support for the extension of 88.9 FM's coverage to Minister Rowland and will be in touch with you as soon as I have received a reply to my representations.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Hope all is well

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England
Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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ATTACHMENT (2.3)

Barnaby Joyce

10 July 2023



The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP

Federal Member for New England

Our ref: NE45386

10 July 2023

Mr George Frame
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Dear George

Thank you for your letter of 7 July 2023, further to previous correspondence, regarding the reply received to my representations from the Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, in relation to a request to increase the coverage of community radio station 2YOU (88.9FM) from the former Tamworth City Council boundaries to the current Tamworth Regional Council area and related matters.

I have again written to Minister Rowland, asking if consideration could be given to the further concerns and points raised in respect of these issues and for her advice.

Thank you once again for keeping in touch on these matters and I will contact you when I have received a reply to my representations.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England
Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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ATTACHMENT (2.4)
Member for Tamworth
Kevin Anderson
10 July 2023



Kevin Anderson MP

MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I write in support of the Tamworth Broadcasting Society's application for a licence to broadcast Radio 88.9FM to the entirety of the Tamworth Local Government Area (LGA).

88.9FM provides an essential service to our communities, keeping them informed of current events at a local level while providing the community with an opportunity to ask questions of government representatives.

The station also keeps the community informed throughout emergency incidences of flood and fire, broadcasting messages from the Council, SES, RFS, and Fire and Rescue NSW.

Unfortunately, not all of the LGA is able to receive the broadcast with some areas subject to intermittent service and other no service at all.

This is an issue for our more isolated residents, particularly during the emergency incidences mentioned previously.

It would be greatly appreciated if full consideration of the application for a licence to allow for the broadcast of 88.9FM through the entirety of the LGA could be considered.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Kevin Anderson MP
Member for Tamworth
Shadow Minister for Gaming and Racing
Shadow Minister for the Arts and Heritage

Our ref: TA94332



ATTACHMENT (2.5)

TRC Mayor

15 March 2023

Mr George Frame
Chief Executive Officer
Radio 88.9FM
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FILE COPY

Dear Mr Frame

LETTER OF SUPPORT – LICENCE TO BROADCAST RADIO 88.9FM

Ref: *mf/RW/DocSetID1580101*

This letter is provided to confirm Tamworth Regional Council's support for the Tamworth Broadcasting Society gaining a licence to allow for the broadcasting of Radio 88.9FM into the Tamworth Regional Council boundaries.

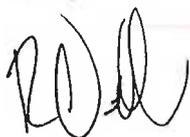
Council also supports Radio 88.9FM in extending its reach to provide access for residents more broadly to our community.

Parts of our regional council area are subject to intermittent service or no service at all.

The Council is also aware both National and Commercial Stations that service part of the Tamworth Regional Council and broader regions, broadcast services on relay from Sydney and Newcastle predominantly at weekends, public holidays and selected times during the week. Radio 88.9FM is the only radio station that broadcasts locally in Tamworth, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This effectively means urgent communication to residents from a range of emergency and community service providers (such as Council, SES and NSW RFS) is hindered when these stations are on relay, as they are not 'manned' during these times.

I trust that this information assists and should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully



Russell Webb
Mayor

15 March 2023

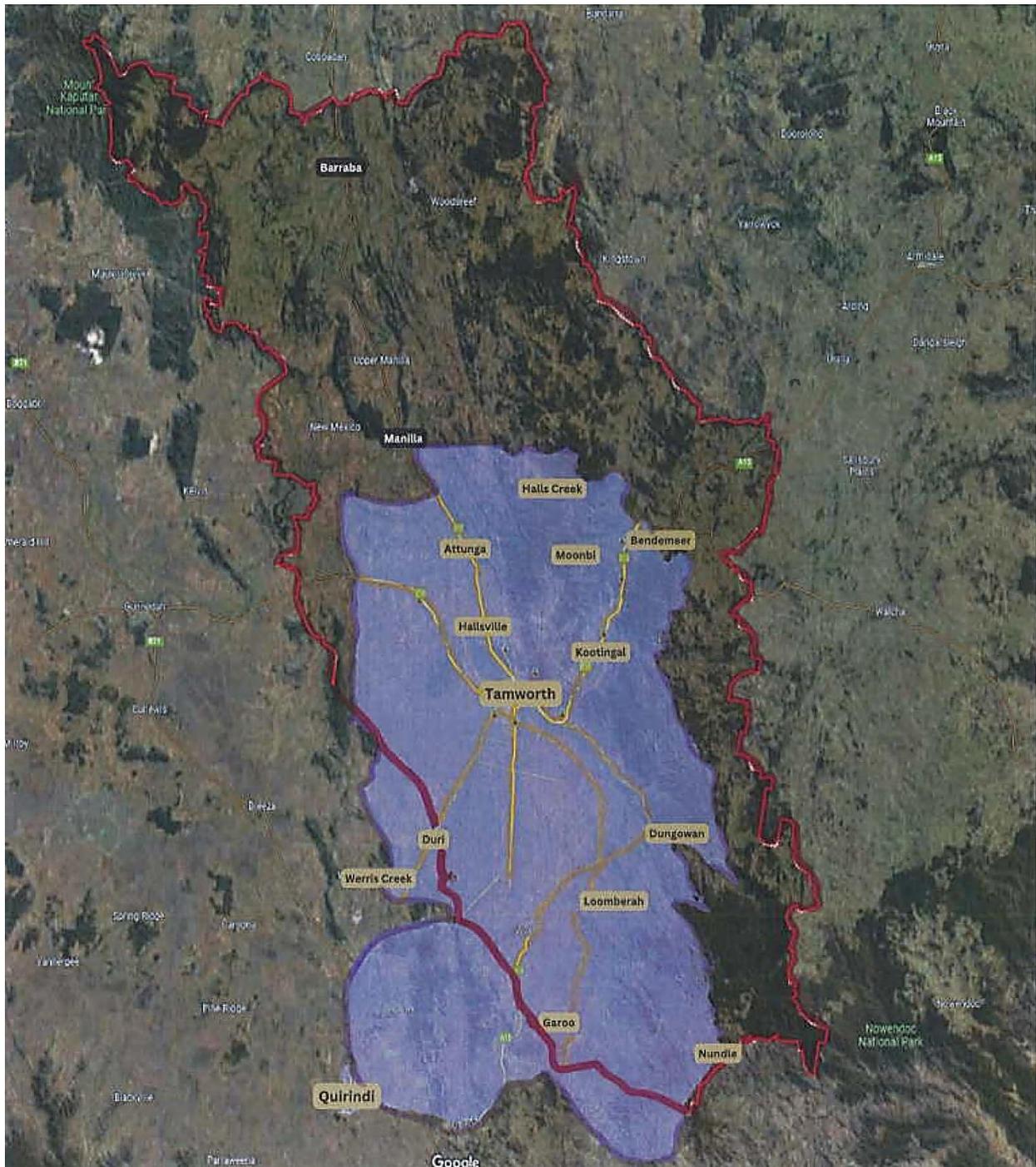


ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENT

**Addendum to 2YOU Submission to Vary the
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Consultation 4 1/2022**

**(This added map is to provide support information to
the ACMA for comparison of RA2 LAP over the TRC
boundaries.)**

Tamworth Regional Council boundaries and Community RA2 LAP



Legend:

- Tamworth Regional Council
- Tamworth RA2 LAP ACMA