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ARN SUBMISSION ON PROPOSAL TO VARY THE TASMANIA DIGITAL RADIO CHANNEL PLAN FOR LAUNCESTON ("CONSULTATION PAPER")

Stakeholder

1. This submission is made by Australian Radio Network Pty Limited ACN 065 986 987 ("ARN") on behalf of its subsidiary Bass Radio Pty Limited 084 276 666 ("Bass Radio"), which holds the two regional commercial radio broadcasting licences in Launceston RA1: 7EXX SL 4220 broadcasting as "chilli 90.1fm"; and 7LAA SL 4221, broadcasting as "LAFM" on 89.3FM. Bass Radio will be directly affected by the ACMA's proposed actions in the Consultation Paper.
2. ARN welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Consultation Paper.

ARN requests additions to the Appendix A: Draft Technical Specifications

3. **West Launceston:** ARN requests that a second central business district transmitter be allocated for the frequency block 9D as an alternative to the nominated site at Telstra/Broadcast Site Juliana St, West Launceston. This request is made on the basis that access to the West Launceston site will attract unnecessary costs for Bass Radio (and therefore also the community stations) in the event of a declaration of a Category 1 DRMT. The proposed additional site is RADCOMS ID site number 700657, being State Government Trunking Site Brougham Street, West Launceston.
4. **Georgetown:** ARN also requests to add a nominal transmitter site as an additional translator on RADCOMS ID site number 100994, being Vodafone Site Scenic, Lookout Mt George to preserve options to infill the signal if required at a later date.

The ACMA is welcome to contact [REDACTED], [REDACTED], if it would like to discuss any of the above issues in more detail.