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Dear Manager

**Proposal to vary the Melbourne television licence area plan
regarding community TV - Consultation paper**

We refer to and support the Australian Community Television Alliance (ACTA) submission to this consultation.

The CBAA welcomes the continuation of highly valued community television broadcasting services under the *Broadcasting Services Amendment (Community Television) Act* and the related extension to the Melbourne Television Licence Area Plan provision for community television as outlined in your proposed amendment to Column 2 of Table 3.2 in Schedule 3.

As you are aware, the legislation received enthusiastic bi-partisan support and recognition of the benefits and contribution of community broadcasting, including for local communities, training and employment and media diversity.

We trust that, in line with the process outlined in the legislation and referred to in your Consultation paper, there will be full consultation on any future changes to the Melbourne TLAP and that, at that time, the sector's contribution and importance to audiences will be considered alongside the other factors mentioned.

Please reach out if you have any questions on the above.

Yours sincerely,



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