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I am writing this submission on behalf of community radio 2BOB which services the needs of local residents of Taree, and the mid north coast of NSW. This community radio station is committed to providing radio broadcasting services which meet the needs of its local community, particularly the needs of local Indigenous citizens. Radio 2BOB currently air programs catering to the needs of the local Indigenous community and would like to participate in the forming of broadcast policy which meets the needs of Indigenous Australians. Not only can 2BOB contributions to policy formation help 2BOB as a community radio station meet its objectives, but effective policy change and implementation can help ensure that the broadcasting needs of Indigenous people are better addressed throughout Australia. The submission will cover

- Broadcasting children's programs relevant to Indigenous Australians
- Broadcasting of community news and events relevant to the Indigenous Community
- The setting up of a national body which monitors forms Indigenous broadcasting policy
- Increased funding to existing programs which showcase Indigenous culture through broadcasting
- The setting up of a national, government funded training program which encourages Indigenous Australians to participate in media training which would be of great benefit to Indigenous people who wish to enter the industry.
- Incentives for commercial broadcaster to show programs relevant to the Indigenous community
- Set up subsidy program for the making of films which promote indigenous culture and show indigenous talent (similar to the AFC, but perhaps funded by DCITA)

We would be greatly appreciative if any policy changes which arise as a result of our submission were brought to our attention so that we as an organisation can assess our capacity to meet our own objectives.