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Broadcasting Enquiry
Productivity Commission
Locked Bag 2
Collins Street East PO
MELBOURNE VIC 8003



Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Ethnic Broadcasting Association of Queensland Ltd (EBAQ), I wish to submit EBAQ's position on the public inquiry into Broadcasting, and to endorse and support the submission put forward by the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council (NEMBC).

Firstly, EBAQ, operating as Radio 4EB, is Queensland's only full time community based ethnic broadcaster, representing 51 different cultural groups who broadcast weekly from our studio's.

In this capacity Radio 4EB provides essential services to the ethnic communities of south east Queensland by facilitating the dissemination of information, news and cultural and language maintenance to each of these cultural groups.

It is also our charter as a non profit community organisation, not only to provide these services to the ethnic communities of south east Queensland, but to further foster harmonious relations inbetween these communities and between the wider communities of south east Queensland. Our role transcends to that of a unique cultural attaché for all communities. We are multiculturalism in practice, and believe that our organisation assists this country in identifying and understanding our diverse society.

EBAQ is committed to ethnic community broadcasting and believes its continuance is vital for the development of the social and cultural identity of all Australians. We bring a level of diversity to broadcasting that is unequalled in the world.



Patron: **Professor R. D. Gibson, Vice-Chancellor**, Queensland University of Technology

We also believe that greater diversity in broadcasting can only be maintained and increased by continued government support for community broadcasting and request that the current financial and licencing support is not only maintained, but increased.

Secondly, as an active member of the NEMBC, we wish to support their submission as representative of ethnic broadcasters throughout Australia.

Yours sincerely,



Z. George Sudull OAM
President