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Dear Mr Berlin

I am writing in support of Blacktown City Council's submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia's Broadcasting Legislation and their proposal for the establishment of a fourth commercial television station in Western Sydney.

The Western Sydney Region is one of the most rapidly developing areas in terms of population and industry growth in the State.

With a population of almost two million people, the Greater Western Sydney Region has a larger population than that of most regional centres throughout Australia and larger than cities such as Perth and Adelaide.

By the year 2017 it is estimated the population of Western Sydney will have reached more than two and a half million people.

There is no doubt that a local television service would be an immense community benefit which would give momentum to a whole range of opportunities as well as strengthening ties within the community.

With the introduction of a commercial television service Western Sydney viewers would be superbly positioned to receive a mix of local news, community information, sport and entertainment features concentrating on a myriad of cultures, tastes and interests not catered for by the existing mass audience networks.

I fully support Blacktown City Council's initiative, which I am sure would be welcomed with enthusiasm by the community.

Yours sincerely

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