

6th May 2014

Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Via email: tony.abbott.mp@aph.gov.au

Dear Prime Minister

I write to you on behalf of the 100% volunteer personnel involved with the operation of Launceston's community radio station City Park Radio (7LTN) to voice their grave concerns regarding the recommendation by the Commission of Audit to cut funding to the community broadcasting sector in the May budget.


Since 1986, City Park Radio has enabled passionate individuals and groups to be involved with community radio. The station is proud of its long commitment to the Greater Launceston area in providing diverse programming in 11 languages, including English, and specialist music programmes often showcasing local talent that otherwise would not have air time.

As you can appreciate, running a radio station is a costly affair.

Throughout Australia, it is only possible for community radio stations to operate due to the competitive funding grants administered by the CBF.

City Park Radio respectfully asks you to champion the benefits to Australian society of the community broadcasting sector with your cabinet colleagues as the May budget is being finalised and ensure that the sector continues to receive current funding.

Yours sincerely



Luigi Romanelli
President