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Oppose the Community Broadcasting Foundation new model

'The National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC) fundamentally opposes the Community Broadcasting Foundation's (CBF) new model of operation because it will have dire consequences for the community broadcasting sector and especially for ethnic community broadcasting', said Vice-President of the NEMBC, Nick Dmyterko.

The CBF is proposing a new model that changes the CBF from an agency that *administers* funds to one that *determines* what happens to those funds. 'Under the new model the CBF will become a development agency that can shape the sector', said Mr Dmyterko.

'The new model proposed by the CBF is totally undemocratic; there will be no membership base, there will be no elections and there will be no system of representation. It will become a top-down self-appointed board and hand-picked organisation', said Mr Dmyterko.

We are disappointed that the CBF has agreed to most of what was contained in the recent Nous Group Report. 'Many, if not the majority, of the submissions we believe opposed the model presented last year', said Mr Dmyterko.

The CBF released a 'consultation paper' that is available on their website and they request feedback by the 23 July 2015. The CBF may accept the new model as soon as August this year and start the implementation with a plan to have it in place by mid-2016.

Get involved so that the voice of ethnic community broadcasters is not marginalised.

The NEMBC will start a petition on our website this week with sample letters for community broadcasters to send to oppose this new model.

Please ring the NEMBC if you require any more information or have any feedback. We would like to hear your views.

For more information or interviews contact the NEMBC Secretariat:

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