Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006

(Government)

(1) Schedule 2, item 7, page 50 (line 24), omit paragraph (a) of the definition of designated local content program in section 61CA, substitute:

(a) a news bulletin; or
(aa) a weather bulletin; or

[local content requirements]

(2) Schedule 2, item 7, page 50 (after line 28), after the definition of draft local content plan in section 61CA, insert:

eligible local news bulletins means local news bulletins that meet the following requirements:
(a) the bulletins are broadcast on at least 5 days during the week;
(b) the bulletins broadcast on each of those days have a total duration of at least 12.5 minutes;
(c) the bulletins are broadcast during prime-time hours;
(d) the bulletins adequately reflect matters of local significance;
(e) none of the bulletins consists wholly of material that has previously been broadcast in the licence area concerned.

eligible local weather bulletins means local weather bulletins that meet the following requirements:
(a) the bulletins are broadcast on at least 5 days during the week;
(b) the bulletins are broadcast during prime-time hours.

[local content requirements]

(3) Schedule 2, item 7, page 50 (line 29) to page 51 (line 1), omit the definition of eligible local news and weather bulletins in section 61CA.
[local content requirements]

(4) Schedule 2, item 7, page 51 (after line 14), after the definition of metropolitan licence area in section 61CA, insert:

news bulletin means a regularly scheduled news bulletin.

(5) Schedule 2, item 7, page 51 (lines 15 and 16), omit the definition of news and weather bulletin in section 61CA.

(6) Schedule 2, item 7, page 51 (after line 29), after the definition of trigger event in section 61CA, insert:

weather bulletin means a regularly scheduled weather bulletin that is transmitted:
(a) as a stand-alone bulletin; or
(b) in conjunction with a news bulletin.

(7) Schedule 2, item 7, page 53 (after line 14), after paragraph 61CD(a), insert:

(aa) minimum service standards for local weather; and

(8) Schedule 2, item 7, page 53 (line 26), omit “and weather”.

(9) Schedule 2, item 7, page 53 (lines 29 and 30), omit “and weather”.

(10) Schedule 2, item 7, page 54 (after line 4), after subsection 61CE(2), insert:

Local weather

(2A) For the purposes of this Subdivision, a commercial radio broadcasting licensee meets the minimum service standards for local weather during a particular week if, during that week, the number of eligible local weather bulletins broadcast by the licensee is at least the local weather target number.

(2B) For the purposes of subsection (2A), the local weather target number is:
(a) 5; or
(b) if the Minister, by legislative instrument, declares that a greater number is the local weather target number—the greater number.

(11) Schedule 2, item 7, page 57 (after line 13), after subparagraph 61CK(1)(b)(i), insert:

(ia) paragraph 61CE(2B)(b); or

(12) Schedule 2, item 7, page 59 (after line 4), after section 61CP, insert:
61CPA Licensee must submit annual compliance report

(1) This section applies if an approved local content plan for a regional commercial broadcasting radio licence was in force during the whole or a part of a financial year.

(2) The regional commercial radio broadcasting licensee must, within 3 months after the end of the financial year, give the ACMA a report about the licensee’s compliance with the approved local content plan during the whole or the part, as the case may be, of the financial year.

(3) A report under subsection (2) must:
   (a) be in a form approved in writing by the ACMA; and
   (b) set out such information as the ACMA requires.

[local content requirements]