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Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006

(Amendments to be moved by Senator Bob Brown on behalf of the Australian Greens in committee of
the whole)

(1) Schedule 1, item 8, page 7 (after line 17), at the end of section 61AB, add:

(3) For the purposes of this Division:
(a) each entity and any related entity of a commercial radio broadcasting licensee or a
commercial television broadcasting licensee is deemed to be worth one point in
accordance with section 61AC;
(b) related entity in this subsection has the same meaning as in section 26-35 of the

[related entities]

(2) Schedule 1, item 8, page 10 (after line 7), at the end of section 61AC, add:

(3) Despite anything to the contrary in this section, a commercial radio broadcasting licensee
or a commercial television broadcasting licensee which broadcasts a content of 20% or
less comprising comment (where comment includes news, current affairs, issues of public
opinion and talkback radio) in any 24 hour period, is deemed to not be worth one point
for the purposes of this section.

[voice test]

(3) Schedule 2, item 7, page 54 (line 31) to page 55 (line 2), omit subsection 61CE(6), substitute:

(6) For the purposes of this Subdivision, a commercial radio broadcasting licensee meets the
minimum service standards for designated local content programs during a particular
week if, during that week, the amount of local content programs is at least:
(a) the local content program target amount; or
(b) if the average weekly amount of local content broadcast under the licence during
the benchmark year is greater than the local content program target number—that
amount.

(7) For the purposes of subsection (6), the local content program target amount is:
(a) 4 ½ hours in every 24 hour period; or
(b) if the Minister, by legislative instrument, declares that a greater amount is the local
content program target amount—the greater amount.
[minimum amount of local content]