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**BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT
(MEDIA OWNERSHIP) BILL 2002**

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Senator CHERRY (Queensland) (9.55 am)—I am delighted to see that the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts has rejoined us after trying to sell his other difficult bill. I have a question to Senator Harris about his amendment. My question concerns the issue of suburban weekly newspapers and whether this definition would pick up the issue of free throwaways which I think are also very important in content in suburban areas.