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Radio Northern Beaches

88.7 and 90.3 FM

Studio: **9451 4887**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed a draft copy of the proposed Policy Manual and Annual Report from our Community Radio Station – Radio Northern Beaches. We are the only radio station serving Sydney's Northern Beaches area, broadcasting on the FM band on 90.3 from Balgowlah mast and 88.7 from the Bilgola antenna.

The radio station has been broadcasting for over 20 years and caters for everyone in the area, from Manly to Barrenjoey, and west to the Pacific Highway. It broadcasts for 24 hours a day and programs are presented by volunteer announcers from all walks of life in this area. Radio Northern Beaches is funded by membership contributions, sponsorship and grants. No-one connected with the station is paid.

Our radio station supports the local community, by providing an opportunity for people to broadcast local news and sporting events, arts, health, entertainment, education, as well as to showcase local talent eg in music, drama or art etc.

For many years, our studios were housed in a renovated building on the campus of Narrabeen Sports High School. Recently, this was redeveloped and we were forced to seek new accommodation. This was most generously provided by Belrose Bowling Club who allocated Radio Northern Beaches space in their extensions.

However, RNB was responsible for the cost of fitting out the studios and all the technical equipment necessary for broadcasting. In addition, RNB had to pay the costs of moving and renting temporary accommodation, as well as the preparation of basic broadcasting facilities. This has essentially used all our existing funds.

We still need to complete the internal structures and develop the studios to a desirable standard. In order to do this, financial assistance is needed. Our plan is to :-

- 1 – *Further membership contributions*
- 2 – *Recruit sponsorship*
- 3 – *Request grants from organisations in the community.*

We would like to apply for any grant available which your Standby Committee might suggest for us. Members of our Board of Directors would be happy to discuss with you any of the above.

Yours faithfully,

Geoff Williams [Chairman of the Board]