

Tuggeranong Community Council

Call to bring back the local news content for Canberra TVs

By President Nick Tsoulias

This month, the Tuggeranong Community Council has launched an online petition calling on WIN TV management to reverse its decision to downgrade its Canberra and regional news service.

Our council is encouraging all residents in the Canberra WIN TV viewing area to sign the petition and to circulate it to family and friends via email and online social media.

The petition calls on WIN TV management to reinstate its Canberra produced and presented local news service and to assure Canberra and regional viewers their local news service will be retained.

The council and many other Canberra community organisations and leaders believe the actions of WIN TV management will have a negative impact on local news gathering, local news coverage and the overall quality of local news and information in the Canberra WIN TV viewing area.

The council believes WIN TV's actions will also have a negative impact on the training, development and employment of future young journalists in Canberra who have spent years studying for a communications degree.

The council also fears this is just the first step and WIN TV may not replace its journalists after they leave its Canberra newsroom and eventually all Canberra region news will come from Wollongong.

In the future all Canberra news bulletins could be produced by by journalists who have little or no knowledge of the national capital region, do not have a feel for our region and do not have the news contacts to initiate or generate stories themselves.

I would appreciate the support of all residents and to add your name to the council's petition calling on WIN TV management to reinstate its Canberra produced and presented local news service which is below.

www.gopetition.com/petitions/restore-win-tv-canberra-produced-and-presented-local-news.html

Our next council meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, August 6, at 7.20pm at the Southern Cross Club, Tuggeranong.

Our guest speaker will be ACT Leader of the Opposition Jeremy Hanson MLA, whom will be our final guest speaker for the council committee class of 2012/13.

Our council executive will also be meeting with the Chief Minister of the ACT Katy Gallagher MLA in mid-August to discuss all things Tuggeranong, in particular, our WIN TV petition, the location of the proposed CIT campus, and further discussion among transport, environment and planning matters for our area

A special Federal Election 2013 debate will also follow subject to the federal election being announced, along with the date of our AGM in September.