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Dear Sir,

I write to you on behalf of the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) which represents more than 95 thousand residents living in the Tuggeranong Valley south of Canberra.

The TCC wishes to register its strong objection to your decision to effectively downgrade the WIN TV Newsroom in Canberra by not replacing the News and Sport Anchors and produce future news bulletins from Wollongong.

The TCC believes this decision is an insult to WIN TV's many loyal viewers in Canberra and you are treating the National Capital as a "*hick country town*"

We believe under the new arrangements a smaller WIN TV news team will be working to tighter deadlines and heavier workloads. They will not be able to devote the time and effort they want to stories. Also, issues that fall outside the new deadline will not be covered and this will impact on the quality of the overall news service.

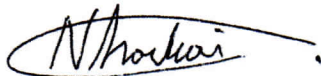
We also believe this is just the first step and eventually WIN TV will decide to no longer employ journalists in its Canberra Newsroom. We fear that in the future Canberra news stories will be written by journalists in Wollongong who have little or no knowledge of the National Capital, do not have a feel for our city and do not have the Canberra news contacts to be able to initiate or generate stories themselves. They will be forced to rely on local newspapers and the odd press release as their authoritative news source without an interview or so much as a follow-up phone call. We believe WIN TV Canberra will eventually become a "*rip and read*" newsroom as is the case in many WIN TV markets today.

Your decision not to replace the WIN TV News and Sports anchors is also a slap in the face for Canberra residents. Past WIN TV News and Sports Anchors have been active members of our community and ambassadors for the Television Network. They have given of their own time to support many community and charity organisations and events in Canberra. One only has to look at the work undertaken by Danielle Post, Phil Small, Greg Thomson and in the past by the late and highly respected Peter Leonard.

The TCC, and residents of the Tuggeranong Valley, believe your decision is a retrograde step for Canberra. It will have a negative impact on local news gathering, local news coverage, the overall quality of local news and WIN TV's public image in Canberra.

We demand you reverse this decision and give the National Capital the local news service it deserves.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Tsoulis', enclosed within a simple oval scribble.

Nick Tsoulis
President
Tuggeranong Community Council
27 June 2013

Cc: Ms Katy Gallagher MLA, Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Mr Andrew Leigh MP, Sen Kate Lundy, Sen Gary Humphries, MEAA ACT Branch, all TCC members.