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Dear Mr Vautier

I am writing to express my deep concern at media reports today which indicate that the WIN Network has taken the decision to shutdown live transmission of your nightly TV news bulletin from WINs Canberra studio.

I am aware that your anchor, Ms Danielle Post along with two other senior journalists have recently left the Network to take up other opportunities and that this necessitated a look at local staffing arrangements at WIN. However, I must express real concern at the decision to transfer your live transmission from Canberra, the nation's capital, to the regional centre of Wollongong.

Whilst I strongly disagree with the decision that has been made, I would like to acknowledge WIN Network on your commitment to maintaining local news content across the country, particularly following the decision of both Prime and Network 10 to significantly downsize their local news content in Canberra in recent years.

I just can't believe that in taking the decision to broadcast from Wollongong that the WIN news team in Canberra will be able to deliver the standard of news bulletins that have been broadcast from the Kingston studio. In saying that I acknowledge the efforts of local staff to deliver a professional and high quality news service five days a week – something that has been acknowledged in local TV ratings.

The relationship between WIN staff and Canberrans runs deeper than just the delivery of news. The anchors, in particular, get very involved in local community life and have been warmly embraced by local community organisations and the community in general.

Whilst I respect the need for management to make decisions which require change I am sure that there will be a strong reaction from the local WIN audience to this decision (as there is when WIN broadcasts from Wollongong during the quiet Christmas period). I would urge WIN network management to reconsider this decision. I am available to discuss this further if you wish.

Kind regards

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Chief Minister

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