**Commonwealth of Australia**

*Broadcasting Services Act 1992*

**Broadcasting Services (Material of Local Significance – Regional Aggregated Commercial Television Broadcasting Licences) Direction 2013**

I, STEPHEN MICHAEL CONROY, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, make the following Direction under subsection 171(1) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

Dated 26 June 2013

STEPHEN CONROY

Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

1. Name of instrument

This Direction is the *Broadcasting Services (Material of Local Significance – Regional Aggregated Commercial Television Broadcasting Licences) Direction 2013*.

1. Commencement

This Direction commences on the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

1. Definitions
   1. In this Determination:

***Act*** means the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992;*

***ACMA*** means theAustralian Communications and Media Authority*;*

***additional regional area*** means an area corresponding to paragraph (b) of the definition of *regional area*

***material of local significance*** has the same meaning as in the *Broadcasting Services (Additional Television Licence Condition) Notice 8 November 2007*;

***metropolitan licence area*** has the same meaning as in Schedule 4 to the Act;

***regional area*** means an area corresponding to:

1. a licence area listed in subsection 43A(2) of the Act; or
2. any other licence area that is not a metropolitan licence area.
   1. Unless the contrary intention appears, a word or phrase in this Direction has the same meaning as it has in the Act.
3. Direction – Investigation relating to Local Content on Regional Commercial Television
4. I direct the ACMA, under subsection 171(1) of the Act, to:
5. investigate the operation and effectiveness of section 43A of the Act;
6. complete the investigation no later than six months from the date of this Direction; and
7. provide me with a copy of a report on the investigation no later than 15 days from the completion of the investigation.
8. In conducting the investigation, the ACMA must consider:
9. the importance of material of local significance to people living in regional areas of Australia;
10. whether people living in regional areas of Australia have adequate access to material of local significance provided via commercial television broadcasting services;
11. the impact on people living in regional areas of Australia of recent and significant changes (if any) to the broadcast of material of local significance;
12. how access to material of local significance can be maintained and enhanced for people living in regional areas of Australia;
13. whether other sources of local (or regional) information are available to people living in regional areas of Australia;
14. the economic circumstances facing commercial television broadcasting licensees operating in regional areas of Australia; and
15. whether section 43A should be extended to apply to commercial television broadcasting licensees operating in specified additional regional areas.