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Mr Jerome van der Linden

Dear Mr van der Linden

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2022 regarding Australian shortwave radio services to the Pacific and the information provided. I am replying on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Australian broadcasting is an important aspect of our engagement with the Pacific, as are our efforts to support a diverse, independent and professional Pacific media sector. The Government has committed to delivering an Indo-Pacific Broadcasting Strategy to boost Australian broadcasting in the region and enhance training and capacity building for Pacific media partners.

As part of this strategy, the Government will undertake a review into the potential restoration of Australian shortwave radio broadcasting capacity in the Pacific, in close consultation with key partners, including the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Australian broadcasting in the Pacific is a unique and important avenue to advance our relationships in the region. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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