

# Submission on discussion document - AM/FM radio spectrum: 2031 expiry of licences and potential reassignment

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## General questions

### Closing comments

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

As a person who lived through the Christchurch Earthquakes 2010 and 2011 the need for a broadcaster that was not based on internet or similar networks was very important. The loss of power crippled Cell phone and other networks for a significant period of time in many parts of this region. Also recent storms have had similar effects. I do not want to see the removal of a vital service for communication in emergencies dismantled and lost. The requirements on RNZ to provide an effective communication service during and following emergencies cannot be passed onto networks that are unable to operate reliably in some emergencies.