



# Extending transitional support for eligible commercial broadcasters

The Australian Government will provide \$9.5 million over 2022-23 and 2023-24 to extend transitional support for eligible regional commercial broadcasters. This measure provides certainty and maintains current arrangements while the Government considers broader reforms to Commercial Broadcasting Tax arrangements and the industry considers potential future technology pathways.

## Commercial Broadcasting Tax rebate for eligible commercial broadcasters

The Government will provide a rebate to 19 eligible regional commercial broadcasters, continuing the support provided by transitional support payments that were originally introduced in 2017 for a period of five years. This rebate will **provide a two year extension of these arrangements**, starting in the 2022-23 financial year.

The rebate will provide **\$9.5 million to commercial television and radio broadcasters** that were previously eligible for payments as part of the Government's [2017 Broadcast and Content Reform Package](#). Rebates will be applied as a deduction on individual transmitter licence taxes as they become payable.

The Government will **continue to charge broadcasters for the radiofrequency spectrum they use**. Spectrum is a **finite natural resource** that is important to the continued growth of Australia's digital economy. Charging for spectrum use also reflects that commercial broadcasters derive benefit from the spectrum management and regulatory functions performed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

ACMA's [2021 review](#) of the Commercial Broadcasting Tax recommended that the tax be **maintained but reformed** to improve its efficiency and transparency. Maintaining the status quo of the current Commercial Broadcasting Tax and transitional support arrangements will allow time for the Government and stakeholders to consider reform options.