

## Tenterfield & District Community FM Radio Association Inc.

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Tuesday 14 May 2024

Re: Ten FM lease of 142 Manners St

Dear Sir

I write on behalf of Ten FM's management committee to thank Council for its recent offer to renew Ten FM's lease at 142 Manners St.

After careful consideration, the committee believe the offer of \$300/wk plus rates is beyond Ten FM's ability to pay and respectfully asks Council consider an offer of \$250.00 per week and to waive the rates charge.

I also advise that Ten FM has been unsuccessful with a grant application seeking funds to help with relocation costs.

Council will recall Ten FM was interested in moving to the rear office at the former Visitors' Information Centre, but needed financial support to make the move.

Being unsuccessful with the grant means we simply do not have the financial ability to move quickly. Even if we did achieve in successfully applying for and obtaining another grant, an orderly wind-down of operations at 142 Manners St and set-up elsewhere in Tenterfield could realistically take 18 months to 2 years.

Therefore, the committee asks Council to continue our lease at \$250/wk without the rates charge for a minimum 18 months and if possible for 2 years beyond 30 June 2024.

The Management Committee has no real desire to move from Manners Street and should Council be agreeable to our offer the Committee would seek to enter into a long term lease of say 5/10 years.

Ten FM fully understands Council faces financial pressures and would appreciate a compromise which allows us to remain at 142 Manners St at an increased rent that is within our financial ability for our local community radio station.

Yours faithfully

Marion Saxby

President