



## Media Release

# TASMANIANS COULD MISS OUT ON SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET THIS SUMMER

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Tasmanians could miss out on Sheffield Shield cricket on the radio this summer said Mr Guy Barnett, Liberal candidate for Lyons today.

“According to a new five year agreement between Cricket Australia and Fairfax radio the ABC radio has not agreed to cover the Sheffield Shield cricket this summer, Mr Barnett said.

“It appears that Fairfax radio will be covering the Sheffield Shield games on the mainland but not in Tasmania.

“Tasmanians should not be treated as second-class citizens.

“Fairfax radio has a network throughout all of Australia but not in Adelaide or Tasmania. I understand they are making arrangements to provide Sheffield Shield cricket radio coverage in Adelaide.

“It is not good enough.

“Tasmania won the Sheffield Shield cricket this past year and we are very proud of our cricket success including that of Ricky Ponting. We are a cricket loving state, particularly in rural and regional areas.

“This new deal could possibly do great damage to the reputation of cricket in Tasmania. We need a solution, Mr Barnett said.

“I will be writing to Fairfax Radio and Cricket Australia asking that the deal be urgently reviewed,” Mr Barnett concluded.

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