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Community Radio Stations Ownership

People are killing each other, fighting for the stations and burning the radio stations. They fight for powers and money. Lots of radio stations are closed down. Lots of community radio stations not on air because of inside fighting or financial. The authority aware of this issues and challenges community stations are facing. I wish the authority can review the ownership of the community radios. The current ownership of community radio stations not working.

ITA for Community Broadcasters

Community Broadcasters should apply for Community Licences after Invitation to Apply was advertised on a Government Gazette. This can assist the authority to scrutinize the applications first before community licences granted. The authority should have a proof of funding or financials to make sure that the station it will go on air after granted the licence. Community broadcastersapply for licence and after to get the licence they depend on donations and funding from the investors. Investors take advantage on the community broadcasters because they hold licence but don't have funding to take the station on air.

Lifting of Moratorium

Authority can lift moratorium for rural areas or where the frequencies available. It's unfair to not grant licences to the community broadcasters just because the spectrum is full on the metro areas.

Board Members of Community Broadcasters

I wish the authority can review the appointment of board members of the community broadcasters. Authority can set up the process to follow for community broadcasters to appoint board members because in most cases board members they cause problems because their incompetent and stealing the money of the community broadcasters.

Regards

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