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Dear James

**Application for non-commercial FM community radio frequency**

Thank you for your application for the 106.1 FM frequency on behalf of Hutt Community Radio and Audio Archives Charitable Trust. I regret to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful.

I appreciate this decision will be disappointing. There was strong competition for this frequency and the allocation panel gave very careful consideration to all the applications.

With regard to the proposal from Hutt Community Radio, the allocation panel considered that it offered a relatively narrow content scope, of a type formerly found on regional commercial radio, reflected in your focus on popular music.

The panel was also concerned that the financial projections in your application seemed overly ambitious, making the long term viability of the business model presented in your application riskier than that of other applicants.

After careful consideration, the allocation panel decided that the application from the Wellington Access Radio Society Incorporated best demonstrated that it could deliver a sustainable, quality FM service matching the objectives of the Government's Regional and Community Broadcasting Policy Framework.

The panel acknowledges that this decision will mean that the Hutt Community Radio Trust will need to cease broadcasting no later than 2 April 2016 when your current licence number 227258 expires.

It appreciates that the decision will impact on a number of individuals who are presently associated with the station, some of whom have been part of the broadcast operation since the very beginning, and the panel acknowledges the contribution these individuals have made.

The Trust may wish to talk to Wellington Access Radio about how your members and broadcasters can in future continue to contribute to the provision of programming specifically reflecting Hutt Valley community interests.

Thank you for your comprehensive application and the Trust's willingness to contest the application process for the frequency.

Yours sincerely

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Carrie Cooke  
Panel Chair

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