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I write on behalf of a small local freely distributed newspaper, run entirely by Volunteers - Boronia and The Basin Community News, in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

We do not fit the criteria in the proposed Bargaining Code, but I write with the concern that small newspapers such as the one I represent, need to have their voice embraced by the legislation before it becomes law.

We provide a very important local voice with both public interest and general interest journalism, as well as providing a forum for the local community to express it's views.

When you add up all such local newspapers, the combined "voice" is significant. If we are not recognised in the proposed legislation at this stage, then our chances of being so later will be extremely low.

Thank you,

John Pernu
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