

The station manager, Mr R. F. J. Woodward, gave evidence to the effect that extending the hours before next year would mean more staff and more costs which were not tenable at present. His estimate was that complying with the warrant condition would cost the station another \$30,000.

The basic reasons given in this application were the same as those for Ashburton. The severe draught conditions in 1981 and 1982 have lead to depressed economic conditions which mean the station is having difficulty selling its advertising. Mr Woodward's evidence was that they have been able to sell considerably less than 50 percent of the overall time available.

The reason for the alteration to the originally requested amendment is that on Saturdays after the locally originated programme ends 4ZW joins the commercial network (4ZB). This includes the Scoreboard programme which starts at 1 p.m. It has been very well received in the local community and Mr Woodward's view is that to have local origination between the hours of 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday would be unacceptable to listeners. He stated that the Scoreboard programme includes 4 segments provided by his station.

Mr R. Rayner, on behalf of Radio Otago forwarded written comments to the Tribunal in respect of this application. The letter included the proposal that an additional hour of local origination on Saturday could be produced by 4ZW having 1 hour of local sports results and news after the ZB Scoreboard programme. Mr Woodward's comment on this was that it would be financially impractical. He said the 4 inserts in the Dunedin programme already cost the station a great deal. He also felt that there was insufficient local activity to generate a full hour of sports results. He felt the community was reasonably well covered by the inserts in Scoreboard.

Mr Woodward however agreed with a number of the comments made by Mr R. Rayner about the amount of local origination there should be in an area of this size. It is his belief, as well as Mr Rayner's, that the area should have at least 8 hours of local origination per day. However, it is Mr Woodward's definite opinion that it is financially impossible to achieve this at present. He hopes that such extensions will be possible next year, although, he was extremely reluctant to make any commitment to so doing.

The applicant has established that refusal to grant this amendment will jeopardize the existence of this mini station. That is not in the public interest. The amendment is therefore granted. Again the Tribunal expresses its concern that station 4ZW Oamaru has operated in breach of its warrant from the end of November 1983 until it filed its application at the end of March 1984. The amendment that is granted, is deferment of warrant requirements until 15 March 1985 only.

Gore—4ZG

The situation with the Gore application is slightly different from the other two. The amendment applied for warrant AM-62 is as follows:

"(Condition 4) The music programme between 1030 and 1630 hours on days when Sports Round-up is not broadcast shall be musically an alternative to 4ZA and 4YZ".

by the addition of the following proviso:

"Provided that this condition shall not be required to be implemented until 15 March 1985."

That condition, as it now stands, requires 4ZG to produce a music programme between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., which is an alternative to 4ZA. In fact the station is repeating 4ZA from 12 noon until 6 p.m. It is also broadcasting locally originated programmes between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 noon and this complies with condition (3) of its warrant.

This station, which is known as Radio Hokonui, broadcast under short term authorisations for periods totalling 2½ years. Their existing warrant was issued on 9 December 1983 and of course runs for a period of 5 years.

Under the short term authorisations Radio Hokonui repeated the 4ZA and the Invercargill programme from, firstly, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., and then from October 1983, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Mr L. D. Eccles, the station manager of Radio Hokonui, appeared for the Corporation. He said that it had not been appreciated by the Corporation that the full time warrant would be different from the short term authorisation.

The difference lies in condition (4) which requires the musical alternative to 4ZA. Mr Eccles said that this came as a surprise to the Corporation because considerable changes had taken place since the development of the original programming concept. He said that when the original application was submitted to the Tribunal, some 3 years ago, technological advances had outpaced the equipment which was proposed for the alternative programme concept. Indeed he said, that the technology for the music programme was out of date at the time of the application, and is now obsolete.

He explained that Radio New Zealand is developing new technology for this purpose but it is presently only in a formative stage.

Mr Eccles stated in his evidence that the Corporation did not wish to proceed along the original lines. During the hearing he clarified this to explain that it was not that the Corporation did not wish to produce the alternative music programme so much as they were presently unable to do so. As soon as the appropriate technology was available the Corporation would broadcast an alternative music programme.

Mr Eccles explained that should the Corporation be required to broadcast an alternative music programme at this stage considerable financial pressure would be applied to Radio Hokonui. He said that the station has returned an operating surplus since its inception, but it has not been as great as originally anticipated. The same problems as were outlined when the amendment applications for Oamaru and Ashburton were made, applied to this station. The climatic conditions have contributed to a difficult economic situation. Mr Eccles estimated that to broadcast the required programme would cost Radio Hokonui in the vicinity of \$20,000 per year and he felt that this could not be justified financially at the present time.

This mini station provides a community facility which is well received. It has largely achieved what it has set out to do and has been accepted in the local community. The applicant has established that refusal to grant this amendment would jeopardize the existence of the station and this is not in the public interest. The amendment is therefore granted.

However, the Tribunal repeats its concern that station 4ZG Gore has operated in breach of its warrant, in fact since the warrant was issued on 9 December last year. The amendment that is granted, as applied for, is deferment of warrant conditions until 15 March 1985 only.

Dated this 31st day of October 1984.

L. R. SCEATS and A. E. WILSON, Members.

Customs Exchange Rates Notice 1984

PURSUANT to section 143 of the Customs Act 1966, the Comptroller of Customs, in accordance with the power delegated to him by the Minister of Customs under section 9 of that Act, hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Short title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Customs Exchange Rates Notice 1984.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1984.

2. Exchange rates—Where under any provisions of the Customs Act 1966 any amount which is required to be taken into account for the purpose of assessing duty or any other purpose is not an amount in New Zealand currency, the amount to be so taken into account shall be the equivalent in New Zealand currency of that amount ascertained in accordance with the rate of exchange set out in the Schedule to this notice.

3. Revocation—The Customs Exchange Rates Notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 195, dated 25 October 1984, on page 4614 is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

	Value of One NZ Dollar	
Australia .. .. .	.57	Dollar
Austria	10.13	Schilling
Bangladesh	11.75	Taka
Belgium	29.37	B Franc
Brazil	1301.00	Cruzeiro
Burma	4.03	Kyat
Canada .. .. .	.65	Dollar
Chile	56.53	Peso
China	1.28	Renminbi or Yuan
Denmark	5.22	Krone
Egypt .. .. .	.41	E Pound
Fiji .. .. .	.54	F Dollar
Finland	3.03	Markka
France	4.44	Franc
French Polynesia	79.68	FP Franc
Greece	59.35	Drachma
Hong Kong	3.84	HK Dollar
India	5.87	Rupee
Ireland .. .. .	.47	I Pound
Israel	197.31	Shekel
Italy	901.48	Lira
Jamaica	2.06	J Dollar
Japan	119.42	Yen
Malaysia	1.17	M Dollar (Ringgit)
Mexico	99.00	Peso