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The Technical Committee on the  
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Independent Telecommunications Authority

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## COMMENT BY RADIO 702 ON THE 5TH DRAFT OF THE INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING AUTHORITY BILL

1. Radio 702 assumes that the 5th draft of the Bill per the World Trade Centre technical committee will in essence be the Bill submitted to Parliament.
2. We welcome the 5th draft as a significant improvement upon the 4th.
3. We also welcome in particular the mandating and directing of the IBA to hold:
  - a) public enquiries into the future structure and financing of public broadcasting services.
  - b) public enquiries into limitations to be imposed on cross-media control of private broadcasting services.
  - c) public enquiries into the imposition of minimum percentages relating to South African music.
4. We also welcome the specification (Sec 4 (2) (b)) for the councillors of the IBA of collective qualifications, expertise and experience in the fields of, inter alia, broadcasting policy and technology, media law, frequency planning, business practice and finance, marketing, journalism, entertainment and education.