**Keep Vision Australia on Air**

Vision Australia’s 40-year-old community radio service for people with a print disability faces closure by the end of 2019. Without urgent federal funding of $700,000 annually, Vision Australia Radio (VAR) could go off-air permanently due to a lack of government funds.

The closure of VAR’s 10 AM/FM stations will significantly reduce the ability for people with a print handicap to access information in their preferred format.

We need your support to send a strong message to government to protect this service.

**Background**

* VAR requires ongoing financial support of $700,000 annually, and is at risk of going off-air permanently by the end of 2019 due to a lack of government funds.
* For years, VAR has operated thanks to funding from government, sponsorships and donations. But due to major changes in government funding with the roll out of the NDIS, Vision Australia can no longer sustain the service.
* VAR runs 10 AM/FM stations across Australia to address the information needs of people who are blind, have low vision or a print disability.
* Without VAR, only four Radios for the Print Handicapped stations would exist, which covers only a few states. This will reduce the ability for people with a print handicap to access information in their preferred format.
* Thanks to 800 national volunteers who operate VAR, more than 700,000 listeners across the nation benefit from this community service every month.

**Take action**

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