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# **Southern Cross Austereo H1 FY20 Investor Presentation**

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# FY20 Interim Results

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# GROUP RESULTS SUMMARY

\$ millions	H1 FY20 (Reported)	H1 FY20 (exc. AASB16)	H1 FY19	Var. To H1 FY20 (excl AASB16)
Revenue	308.1	308.1	335.7	<b>(8.2%)</b>
EBITDA	67.5	59.3	82.1	<b>(27.7%)</b>
Underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup>		62.2	84.8	<b>(26.7%)</b>
NPAT	20.4	22.4	(119.2)	<b>n.m.</b>
Underlying NPAT <sup>1</sup>		28.6	41.5	<b>(31.1%)</b>
Net Debt		330.5	295.1	<b>12.0%</b>
Interim Dividend (CPS)		2.75	3.75	<b>(26.7%)</b>

- Underlying EBITDA \$62.2m – in line with October, 2019 trading update guidance
- Group revenue down 8.2%, against a broad advertising contraction impacting all markets and segments – including Audio and Television
- Statutory EBITDA \$67.5m impacted by \$8.2m non-cash benefit relating to adoption of AASB 16 (Leases) and \$2.9m in one-off restructure costs
- Net Debt increased 12% due to debt funded acquisition of Redwave Media
- Interim dividend declared at 2.75 cps, fully franked

<sup>1</sup> References to underlying numbers exclude the impact of Significant Items.

# HEADLINE ACHIEVEMENTS

## Sales Performance

- National regional advertiser investment boosts revenue – outperforming metro markets
- Television affiliation – market leading power ratio further improved with Nine – now 1.11x
- Digital audio revenues in podcasting and addressable advertising grew 140% over prior year

## Investment

- Redwave Media acquisition complete – expanding national footprint to 96 stations
- Two additional DAB stations launched - Hit Dance and Triple M Soft Rock
- Continued investment in digital audio products – PodcastOne set to achieve cashflow breakeven

## Financial Stability

- Active review of cost base - will positively impact 2H FY20 operating and capital expenditure
- Debt Refinancing complete – certainty of funding through to end 2022 - significant headroom under covenants
- Cash conversion remains very strong and highlights the quality of assets and sector attractiveness

# COST BASE ADJUSTED

- **Respecting the weaker advertising conditions in H1 FY20, a thorough and holistic review of operating & capital costs was completed in late H1 FY20** – resulting in:
  - ✓ Meaningful savings in labour, discretionary costs and capital expenditure
  - ✓ \$2.9m of restructuring costs was incurred H1 FY20 associated with actions to resize headcount
- **Full year operating expenses (pre AASB16 adjustments) forecast to be \$5m- \$10m below prior year** after accounting for:
  - Wage inflation and other contracted cost increases of \$8m
  - ~\$4.5m of capex costs transferred to opex triggered by outsourcing of transmission & playout services
  - ~\$1.5m of investment for new and emerging audio on-demand products – to launch in H2
- **Full year capex to be \$6m - \$8m lower than prior year - forecast to be in range of \$19m - \$21m**

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# **FY20 INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS**

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# GROUP REPORTED STATUTORY RESULTS

\$ millions	H1 FY20 (Reported)	H1 FY20 (exc. AASB16)	H1 FY19	Var. to H1 FY20 (excl AASB16)
Revenue	308.1	308.1	335.7	<b>(8.2%)</b>
Expenses	(240.6)	(248.8)	(253.7)	<b>(1.9%)</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>(27.7%)</b>
<i>EBITDA Margin</i>	<i>21.9%</i>	<i>19.2%</i>	<i>24.4%</i>	
Depreciation & Amortisation	(19.3)	(11.6)	(14.9)	<b>(22.0%)</b>
Impairments	(3.3)	(3.3)	(226.9)	<b>nm</b>
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>(159.7)</b>	<b>nm</b>
Net Finance Costs	(14.1)	(10.7)	(9.8)	<b>9.2%</b>
<b>PBT</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>(169.5)</b>	<b>nm</b>
Tax	(10.4)	(11.2)	(17.8)	<b>(36.8%)</b>
Tax impact of Impairment			68.1	
<b>NPAT</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>(119.2)</b>	<b>nm</b>

- Group NPAT \$20.4m
  - \$22.4m excluding AASB16
- Group revenues down 8.2% - backdrop of a challenging and weak market impacting every sector
- Group operating expenses down \$13.1m including AASB16 and \$4.9m excluding AASB16
- Operating expenses include:
  - ✓ One-off restructure costs of \$2.9m associated with cost review initiative
- \$3.3m non-cash impairment of contra based investment in MVNO telco
- Lower depreciation charge (pre AASB16) reflects change in asset base with outsourcing of TV playout and transmission services

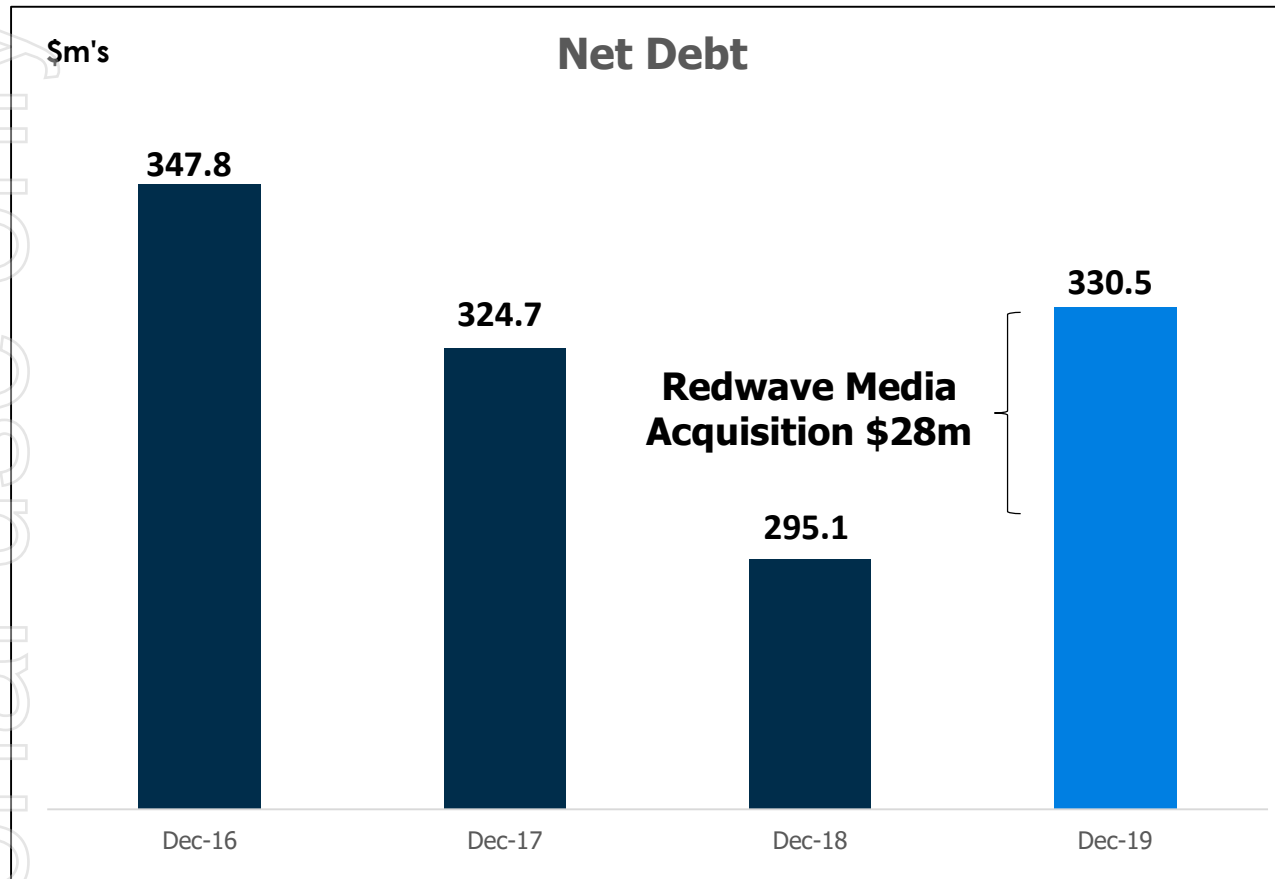


# CASHFLOW

\$ millions	H1 FY20	H1 FY19
Opening Cash	32.4	56.1
<b>Net Cash from Operations</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>80.9</b>
Leases	(7.7)	(0.1)
<b>Cash from Operations less Leases</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>80.8</b>
Tax Payment	(15.8)	(19.8)
Net Payments for Non-Current Assets	(11.1)	(14.9)
Net Interest	(6.3)	(6.6)
<b>Cash flow pre-dividend &amp; non recurring items</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>39.6</b>
Net outflow from Purchase of Operations	(28.3)	0.0
Dividends to security holders	(30.8)	(30.8)
Debt (repayment)/drawdown	28.0	(15.0)
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>49.9</b>
Reported EBITDA (exc. AASB16)	59.3	82.1
<b>Operating Cash Conversion</b>	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
Free Cashflow (Cash from Ops. - Capital Exp. & Leases)	43.4	65.9
EBIT (exc. AASB16 and Impairment)	47.7	69.9
<b>Free Cash conversion</b>	<b>91.0%</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

- Free cash conversion of 91.0% remains high given strong quality of assets
- Reduced capex reflects positive impact of outsourcing of capital intensive activities. Lower recurring capital expenditure in future
- Redwave Media acquisition funded from available debt facilities
- Working capital improvements – aided by a reduction in debtor days reducing from 59 days to 57 days

# BALANCE SHEET



- SCAs existing balance sheet strength enabled debt funded acquisition of Redwave media
  - \$28m purchase price increased net debt to \$330.5m
- Bank facilities successfully refinanced December 2019:

Facility	Maturity	Drawn
\$435m	Jan 2023	\$328m
\$25m	Jan 2021	\$25m
	Cash	\$(22.5m)
		<b>\$330.5m</b>

- Credit Metrics – 31 December 2019:
  - ✓ Leverage Ratio 2.29x
  - ✓ Interest Cover Ratio 11.47x

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# **OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

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# OPERATIONAL REVIEW

\$ millions	H1 FY20	H1 FY19	Var.
Audio Revenue	210.9	230.2	(8.4%)
Television Revenue	96.2	104.7	(8.1%)
Corporate Revenue	1.1	0.9	23.2%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>308.1</b>	<b>335.7</b>	<b>(8.2%)</b>
Audio Expenses	(149.8)	(150.0)	(0.1%)
Television Expenses	(83.1)	(88.4)	(6.0%)
Corporate Expenses	(13.1)	(12.5)	4.4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(245.9)</b>	<b>(250.9)</b>	<b>(2.0%)</b>
Audio EBITDA	61.1	80.2	(23.8%)
Television EBITDA	13.1	16.2	(19.6%)
Corporate EBITDA	(12.0)	(11.6)	(3.0%)
<b>Total Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>(26.7%)</b>
AASB16	8.2		
Restructuring Costs	(2.9)	(2.8)	
<b>Statutory EBITDA</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>(17.7%)</b>

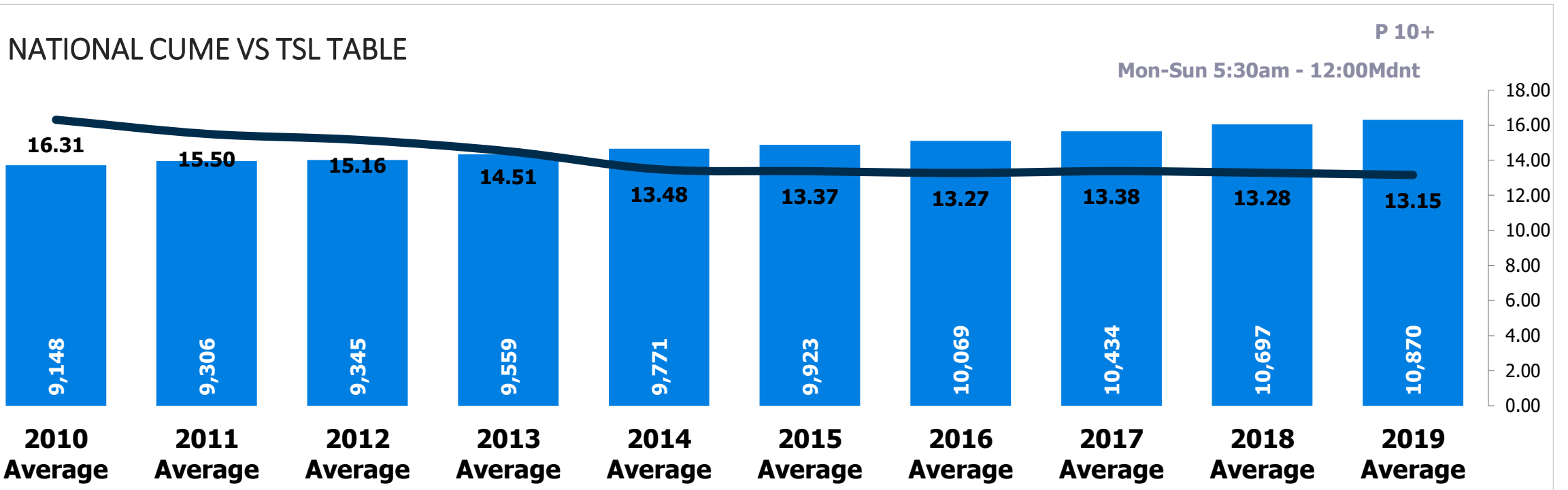
# AUDIO - OVERVIEW

\$ millions	H1 FY20	H1 FY19	Var.
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>210.9</b>	<b>230.2</b>	<b>(8.4%)</b>
Broadcast & Production	(12.6)	(12.4)	2.3%
Employee	(78.1)	(75.6)	3.3%
Selling, General & Admin	(59.0)	(62.1)	(4.9%)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(149.8)</b>	<b>(150.0)</b>	<b>(0.1%)</b>
<b>Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>(23.8%)</b>
<i>Underlying EBITDA Margin</i>	<i>29.0%</i>	<i>34.8%</i>	
AASB16	5.3	0.0	
Restructuring Costs	(1.3)	(1.1)	
<b>Statutory EBITDA</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>(17.7%)</b>

- Underlying EBITDA was back 23.8% to \$61.1m delivering an Underlying EBITDA margin of 29.0%
- Revenues declined 8.4% due to lower advertising spend across the entire radio market
- Operating costs were flat against the prior period. Cost savings initiatives offsetting contracted increases in operating expenses including wage inflation and the impact of outsourcing contracts

# AUDIO – RADIO AUDIENCES

Radio remains a healthy platform – cumulative audiences grow while Time Spent Listening remains stable  
 Market experiencing a cyclical weakness – audio assets are well positioned for market improvement

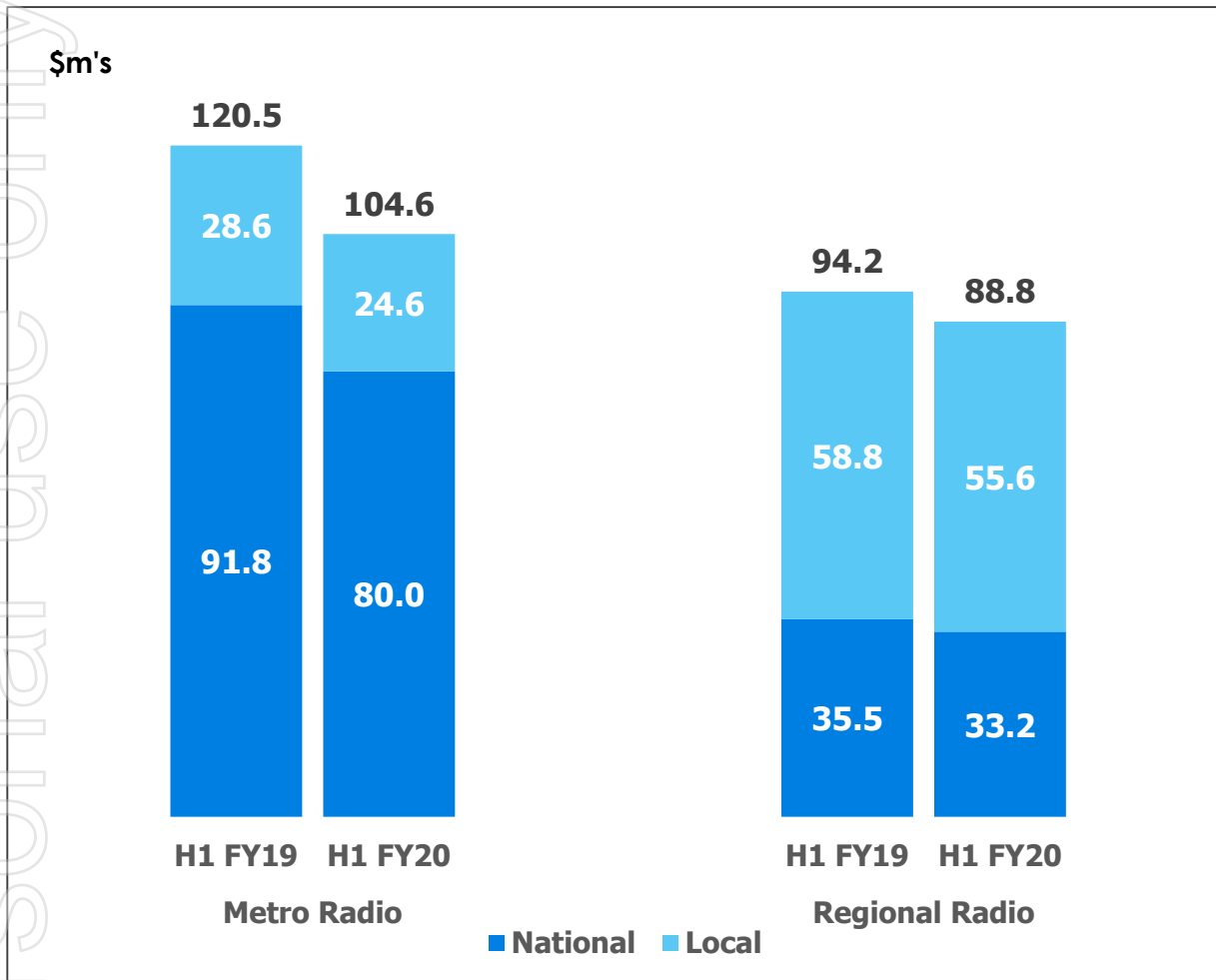


Key:

Cume – blue bar – total average audience numbers per week, '000  
 TSL – black line – average hrs:mins spent listening per week



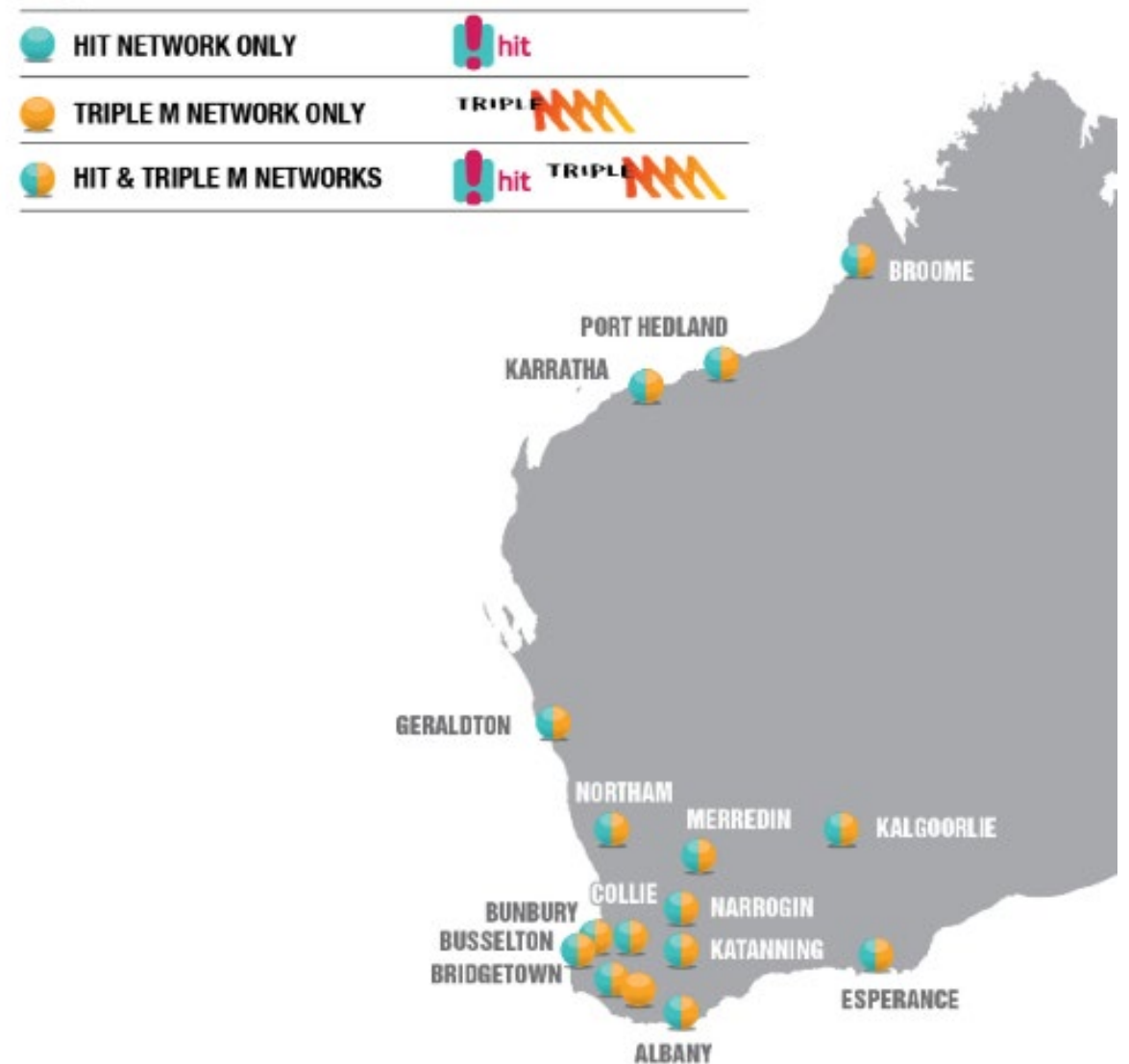
# AUDIO – BROADCAST ADVERTISING REVENUES



- Metro advertising revenues contracted \$15.9m or 13.2% with weakness across both local and national markets
- Regional advertising revenues declined \$5.4m or 5.7% - highlighting resilience of this important media segment
- National revenues into regional radio have risen 9.5% from H1 FY17 – highlighting the benefits of the industry trade marketing initiative “Boomtown”
- SCA continues to lead and mature “Boomtown” initiative along with industry peers - with further tools and education to develop and mature market

# AUDIO – REDWAVE RADIO ACQUISITION

- Important acquisition – taking SCA's network to 96 stations across Australia – the largest Radio Group in Australia
- \$28.0m Redwave acquisition further extends network coverage across Western Australia- with an additional 8 radio stations across major regional centres
- Incremental \$2m EBITDA contribution forecast in H2 FY20
- Integration on track with acquisition plan – forecasting \$1m in annual synergy realisation – will deliver EPS and ROIC accretion
- Bunbury licence acquired as a result of the transaction will be divested in a timely manner





# DIGITAL AUDIO IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY

Consumption and distribution of digital audio is expanding rapidly – SCA is at the forefront :

## PodcastOne Australia (P1A)

- ✓ Australia's Leading premium podcast network - 38% increase in episodes over prior year
- ✓ Increased incremental reach through distribution partnership with Spotify
- ✓ Premium revenues \$2.1m in H1 and up 140% over pcp
- ✓ PodcastOne will achieve cashflow breakeven in H2 FY20

## Catch-up radio Podcasting

- ✓ Bundled premium catch-up model being deployed – consistent with premium P1A model
- ✓ 2 million monthly downloads of catch-up radio alone
- ✓ Revenues – strong double digit growth set to continue



# DIGITAL AUDIO IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY

## Instream Addressable Advertising – the BVOD of Radio:

- ✓ Scale is important – SCA addressable audience via mobile devices in excess of 3m monthly users
- ✓ SCA signed in unique known users growing strongly, with over 450,000 Australians – unlocking premium selling extension
- ✓ SCA News – over 1m smart speaker downloads
- ✓ Targeting – able to target consumer interests, behaviours and passion for first time
- ✓ Advertisers – will be able to isolate store locations by geography to maximise the digital investment
- ✓ Growth will emanate from the broader digital pool of revenues

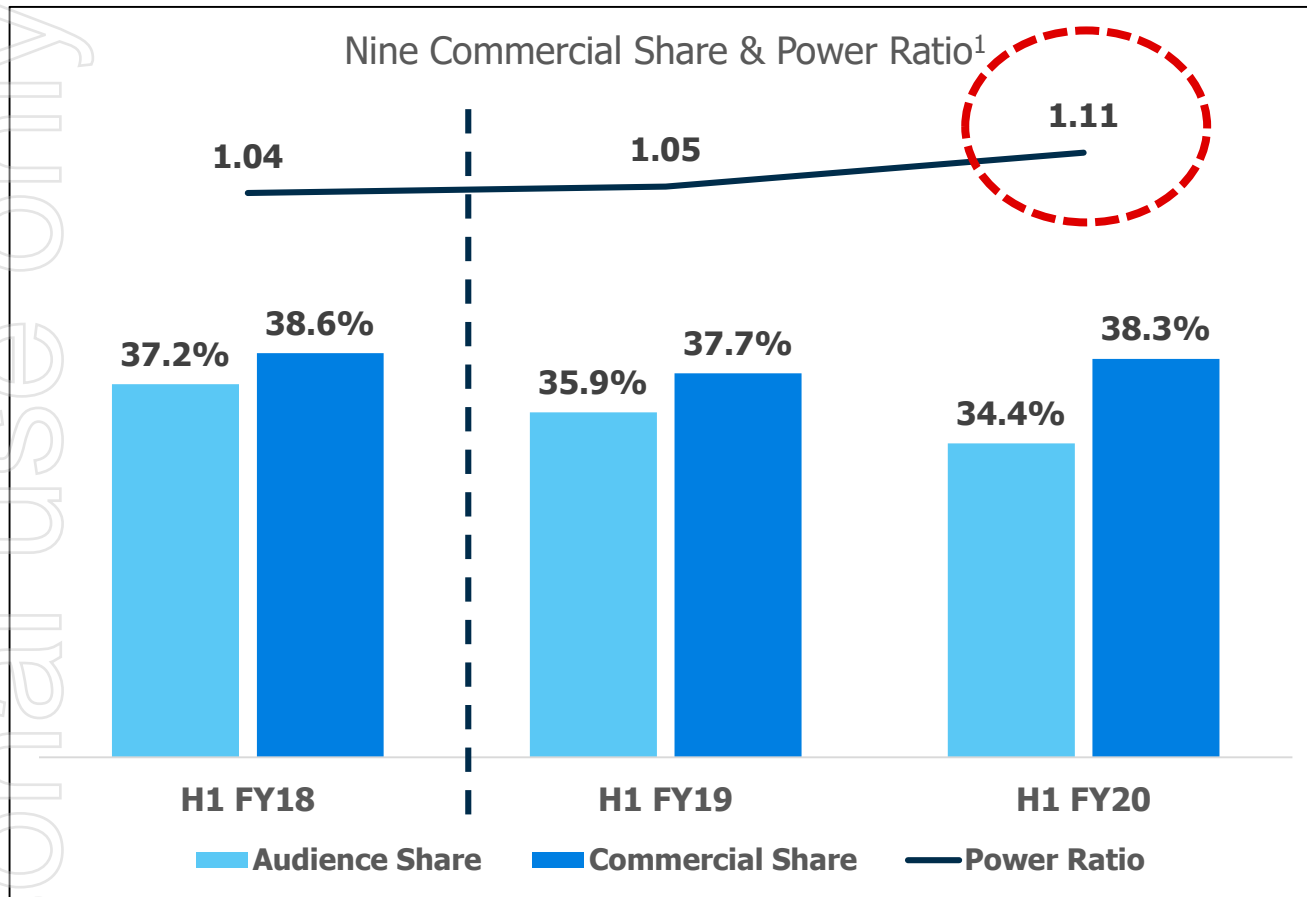


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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(83.1)</b>	<b>(88.4)</b>	<b>(6.0%)</b>
<b>Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>(19.6%)</b>
<i>Underlying EBITDA Margin</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	
AASB16	2.7	0.0	
Restructuring Costs	(1.6)	(1.6)	
<b>Statutory EBITDA</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>(3.2%)</b>

- Underlying EBITDA of \$13.1m down \$3.1m on FY19
- Overall Television revenues reduced \$8.5m or 8.1%
- \$1.0m revenue impact resulting from one-off loss of transmitter rent following outsourcing of transmission services to Broadcast Australia
- Underlying expenses were down 6.0%, reflecting the benefit of a variable cost base with reduced program supply fees

# TELEVISION – LEADING POWER RATIO



- SCA continues to grow the 4-aggregated revenue power ratio for Nine – delivering highest ever revenue power ratio of 1.11x
- Commercial revenue share has grown in H1 FY20 - despite lower audience share and loss of Cricket across 1H19/1H20
- SCA's monetisation strategy for Television assets continues to deliver strong results in a weak market

<sup>1</sup> KPMG Market Share Report – Regional Queensland, SNSW, NNSW & Regional Victoria. Power Ratio = Commercial Share/ Audience Share

<sup>2</sup> Effective 1 July 2018 SCA and Nine entered into a local sales representation agreement for the NNSW Television licence area

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# **OUTLOOK**

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# STRATEGIC UPDATE

## SCA adopts a Dual Transformation Pathway

**Transformation A:  
Make SCA's existing core business more  
resilient, effective & efficient**

- Relentless focus on content quality & improved creativity
- Superior customer solutions focus by all teams in every geography
- Increasing investment and focus on stronger automation and cost efficiency
- Cash generative platform enables investment in digital growth engines

**Transformation B:  
Build new, scaled, profitable and  
sustainable revenue streams**

- Capital afforded to developing new audio products in the year ahead
- Audio On-Demand and Personalisation are key drivers
- Evolving technologies providing unique opportunity to scale and mature assets

# UNDERPINNING OUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

## Proudly National, Fiercely Local

### We are Proudly National

- Largest Radio Group in Australia – 96 radio stations in portfolio
- Specialist TV Broadcast affiliate – 105 TV signals across 35 markets
- Australia's #1 Commercial Podcast Network
- We reach 95% of the Australian population – each and every week

### We are Fiercely Local

- We serve local communities and clients through a network of 55 offices across Australia – with over 2,000 skilled people
- We produce over 2,000 hours of local programming and 4,000 news updates each week – and maintain a commitment to providing timely, local and accurate updates 24 hours a day - in times of need
- Strong relations with thousands of small and medium sized local businesses across the country
- We are deeply connected and proud of our local community and charitable partnerships

# TRADING UPDATE

## Trading Update

- Advertising markets remain challenging across January and February – with similar levels of trading to the first half of the year
- Q2 analysis forecasting improving category trend – lead by Insurance and Banking segments – both weak sectors in 2019. Expectation local and federal governments will resume spending in year ahead following post election hiatus
- Digital Audio revenues continue to grow strongly over prior year – this includes the Premium Podcasting, Catch Up Podcasting and Instream Addressable advertising segments
- Group Expenses forecast to be \$5m - \$10m below the full year FY19 (after accounting for \$8m in labour and other contracted cost increases – as well as \$4.5m in annual capex moving to opex as a result of the outsourcing of transmission and playout services)
- Full Year Capex expected to be \$6m - \$8m below FY19



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# APPENDIX

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# RECONCILIATION OF UNDERLYING RESULTS

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