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## *I've decided it's time for my own little radio "Brekxit"* Matthew Abraham steps away from the microphone

Matthew Abraham, half of the influential "Matt and Dave" duo, has announced he is leaving the Breakfast program on ABC Radio Adelaide.

Matthew has co-presented on ABC Radio Adelaide with David Bevan since 2002, the first 9 years on Mornings then since 2011 on Breakfast. He was also a presenter on the station in the 1990s.

Matthew's departure will mark the end of over 15 years on air with co-host David Bevan, many of which attracted record audience figures for the station, with 34 times (including the last 13 consecutive surveys) as 'number 1 Breakfast show in Adelaide' (Source: Gfk).

"This has been a really hard decision" Matthew said.

"In stepping away from the microphone, I'm stepping away from radio, a medium I love with all my heart and soul.

"I'm also leaving a team who are not just the most formidable outfit in the business, but who are my good friends.

"Working on-air with David Bevan has been a delight. Our producers Eliza Kirsch and Luke Franklin are simply tremendous - no program could ask for a better duo "behind the glass". And Spence Denny, our eyes and ears out in the field, is terrific.

"David and I have built a tradition of robust, accountability journalism on our programs. I know that will continue.

"I will miss all that. And I will miss the ABC Radio Adelaide listeners. We love you. Thank you for allowing us into your homes, for putting the life and spark into our broadcasts, and for keeping us honest.

"It's a privilege and a responsibility presenting a radio program for the ABC. But I've decided it's time for my own little radio "Brekxit". While I work out what to do from here, I have a simple plan for the rest of the year - Sleep, Fish and Write."

ABC Radio Adelaide Manager Graeme Bennett said "Matt Abraham and David Bevan have been a quintessential part of the South Australian media landscape for the past 15 years".

"Since their move to the notoriously competitive Breakfast timeslot they have dominated the local agenda, creating some of the most memorable radio moments we have heard.

"They have been tough, uncompromising and at the same time South Australian to the core. They've made a difference.

"Matt leaves the ABC Radio Adelaide microphone at the top of his game with a deserved reputation as one of the finest journalists the state has produced".

David Bevan will continue to present the ABC Radio Adelaide Breakfast program.

Watch Matthew's announcement to listeners [here](#).

Matthew will co-present his final Breakfast program on Friday 30 June, from 6am-9am. Tune in on 891AM, DAB+ Digital Radio, online via [abc.net.au/adelaide](http://abc.net.au/adelaide) or the [ABC Radio app](#).

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