



# News Update

## ABA visits for radio planning discussions

SYDNEY: Representatives of the ABA have visited the south east and Illawarra regions of NSW and the ACT during July to meet with existing radio broadcasters and those who want to provide new services.

The ABA has visited Canberra, Goulburn, Bowral, Wollongong, Nowra, Ulladulla, Moruya, Bega, Cooma and Mallacoota.

During August, ABA representatives will be meeting with interested parties in the Darling Downs region of Queensland, including Dalby, Kingaroy, Toowoomba and Warwick.

The ABA is meeting with these groups to discuss possible new radio services and options for improved reception of existing radio services.

'We are asking aspirant and existing broadcasters to make submissions to the radio planning process. With well prepared submissions, the ABA will be better informed of the interest in new and improved radio services prior to releasing our radio planning discussion papers for public comment,' said ABA member, Mr Tim O'Keefe.

The ABA's visit is part of a national planning process for radio services, which involves wide public consultation.

Written submissions are invited. After consideration of submissions and all previous proposals made about the planning process, the ABA will release draft licence area plans for these zones, for public comment.

### Information and submissions

An information booklet is available to help to prepare written submissions and can be obtained by writing to the address below or calling 1800 810 241.

All submissions should be sent to:  
Australian Broadcasting Authority  
PO Box 34  
Belconnen, ACT 2616.

## New pay TV licences allocated

SYDNEY: The ABA has allocated 72 licences for non-satellite pay TV broadcasting services to Neighborhood Cable Pty Ltd.

Neighborhood Cable says it intends to deliver its pay TV services via cable.

The 72 licences are intended to provide a variety of programming and include:

- news channels (including business news),

- educational programming,
- foreign language services (Greek, Italian, Japanese and German),
- the latest release movies,
- request and pay per view movie channels,
- home shopping,
- a documentary channel,
- a sports channel,
- a music channel and
- a weather channel.

'The ABA examined the shareholding structure of the company and found it complied with the foreign ownership provisions of the Broadcasting Services Act,' said Mr Peter Webb, ABA Chairman.

'In addition, the ABA found no reason to regard the company as being unsuitable to be allocated pay TV licences.'

The ABA has now allocated a total of 1075 non-satellite subscription television licences.

### Licences issued by ABA

<i>Licence holder</i>	<i>No. of licences</i>
Access Cable Television Ltd	110
Access Cable TV (Northern Rivers) Pty Ltd	4
Cable Television Services Pty Ltd	20
Central Coast Cablevision Pty Ltd	54
Cosmvision Cable Television Pty Ltd	50
Cox Media Pty Limited	56
CVC Pay TV Pty Ltd	20
Dergat Pty Ltd	4
Explorer Channel Pty Ltd	1
Graff Pay-Per-View (Australia) Pty Ltd	10
Home Show Cable Australia Pty Ltd	20
Interactive Telecommunications Network Ltd	150
Multicom Australia Pty Ltd	35
Neighborhood Cable Pty Ltd	72
NRS Group Pty Ltd	13
Oberon Broadcasters Pty Ltd	10
Pacific Media Telecommunications Pty Ltd	18
Paynet Telecommunications Pty Ltd	8
Planet Pay TV Pty Ltd	20
PPV TV Pty Ltd	20
Premier Cable Australia Pty Ltd	43
Prime Media Developments Pty Ltd	45
Private Cable Network Pty Ltd	102
Rowcom Holdings Pty Ltd	28
Selectra Pty Ltd	50
Star Vision Pty Ltd	50
Vinatech Pty Ltd	50
Visitor Publishing Group Pty Ltd	2
Wright Weller Rosenblum Pty Ltd	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1075</b>

### Illawarra, South East NSW and the ACT:

**Closing date:**  
27 October

Written submissions, quoting file number 93/7718, should be addressed to:

Planning Officer for  
Illawarra, South East  
NSW and the ACT.

### Darling Downs:

**Closing date:**  
30 November

Written submissions, quoting file number 93/7713, should be addressed to:

Planning Officer for  
the Darling Downs.