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broadcasters and program makers on the new guidelines, which set out how the ABA will administer the 10 per cent requirement.

'The pay TV industry has changed significantly since we released the original guidelines in May last year. The operation of the pay TV business has become clearer and services are now up and running,' said Mr Webb.

'The new guidelines reflect these developments and should assist both pay TV operators and film and television producers. Services likely to be caught by the requirement would be those like Galaxy's Showtime and Optus Vision's Movie Greats channels.'

Where the format of a pay TV drama service does not easily accommodate showing new Australian drama, for example nostalgia formats, the guidelines allow operators to show the material on one of their other services.

At this stage it is too early to estimate how much will be spent on new Australian drama. The ABA will monitor the requirement for new Australian drama by way of annual returns from operators detailing expenditure.

The ABA intends to finalise the new guidelines in November. They should take effect towards the end of 1995.

## ABA allocates pay TV licences to CFM TV

SYDNEY: The ABA has allocated one licence for a non-satellite pay TV broadcasting service to CFM Television Pty Ltd.

CFM says it intends to deliver its pay TV service via MDS (multipoint distribution system which transmits via microwaves) within a fifty kilometre radius of the central business district of Perth. The service will provide a variety of programs with a heavy emphasis on horse racing, greyhound racing and harness racing.

'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.'

CFM is 50 per cent owned by the WA Trotting Association and 50 per cent owned by CFM Technology Pty Ltd.

CFM currently operates a narrowcasting service in Perth as CFM Channel 12 which telecasts local greyhound, horse racing and trotting. This narrowcasting service is transmitted to 320 subscribers.

The ABA has now issued a total of 1076 non-satellite subscription television broadcasting licences, see adjoining table for details.

## Planning visits

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: On 11 August, Mr Colin Knowles (General Manager ABA Planning and Corporate) and Jenny Brigg (Assistant Manager Implementation Policy), visited the Riverland region to meet with licensees and aspirant broadcasters to discuss planning issues that have emerged as a result of the release of the draft Riverland discussion paper and licence area plan in 1994.

During the visit, ABA representatives met with a group interested in establishing a community radio service, and were impressed with the enthusiasm of this emerging group and the strong support for community radio developing in the Riverland. The ABA sees this as an exciting new development as there is currently

### Submissions

Submissions on the guidelines close on Monday, 23 October 1995.

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## Non-satellite pay TV licences issued by ABA

Licence holder	No. of licences
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
CFM Pty Ltd	1
Cosmovision 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
Multicorn 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>1076</b>

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no community radio service operating in the region.



Wendy Mudge, general manager, RTS, with Colin Knowles ABA

There is also entrepreneurial interest in establishing an additional commercial FM radio service in the region. ABA representatives had the opportunity to meet with representatives from both the existing commercial radio service (5RM), and another group interested in providing a new commercial radio service in the Riverland.

The interest in providing new radio services in Riverland will pose an interesting challenge for the ABA as there is a shortage of high power broadcasting frequencies for radio available in the area. ABA engineering staff are currently addressing this problem and hope to be able to propose some creative solutions to accommodate entrepreneurial demand.

The ABA will be releasing its revised Riverland discussion paper and licence area plan shortly.

## **Transmitter licences issued to aspirant community broadcasters**

(1 August to 29 August)

APPLICANT	AREA	FREQ	PERIOD	DATE SIGNED
Bulla FM Broadcasters Inc.	Bulla Vic	99.4	18/8/95 - 27/8/95	3/8/95
Dance-Club Broadcasters Inc.	Melbourne Vic	89.9	18/8/95 - 11/9/95	4/8/95
Geelong Gospel Radio Inc.	Geelong Vic	96.3	20/8/95 - 16/9/95	4/8/95
Shepparton Christian Broadcasters Assoc.	Shepparton Vic	95.3	28/8/95 - 24/9/95	9/8/95
Narrabri Shire Community Radio	Narrabri NSW	91.1	22/8/95 - 17/9/95	14/8/95
Summerland Christian Broadcasters	Lismore NSW	100.1	26/8/95 - 24/9/95	14/8/95
Orange Community Radio	Orange NSW	107.5	1/9/95 - 30/9/95	15/8/95
Maitland Community Broadcasters Assoc.	Maitland NSW	104.5	11/9/95 - 24/9/95	15/8/95
West Gippsland Community Radio Inc.	Drouin Vic	99.5	2/9/95 - 3/9/95	16/8/95
Port Stephens FM Radio Inc.	Nelson Bay NSW	99.7	4/9/95 - 10/9/95	16/8/95
Music Broadcasting Society of South Australia	Adelaide SA	100.5	4/9/95 - 3/10/95	15/8/95
Upper Hunter & Liverpool Plains Community Radio	Mount Helen NSW	95.9	3/9/95 - 1/10/95	21/8/95
Gladstone & District Christian Broadcasters	Gladstone Qld	92.7	2/9/95 - 17/9/95	21/8/95
Great Southern FM Community Broadcasters	Port Elliot SA	99.9	17/9/95 - 29/9/95	21/8/95
Ballarat Gospel Radio Inc	Ballarat Vic	103.9	2/9/95 - 22/9/95	23/8/95
Encounter FM Community Broadcasters	Victor Harbor SA	89.3	4/9/95 - 10/9/95	23/8/95
Southern Victoria Community Radio Inc.	Geelong Vic	89.1	9/9/95 - 17/9/95	23/8/95
Joy Melbourne Independant Community Radio	Melbourne Vic	90.7	2/9/95 - 1/10/95	23/8/95
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc.	Kandos Rylstone, NSW	95.5	9/9/95 - 24/9/95	25/8/95
Family Radio Ltd	Brisbane Qld	92.1	11/9/95 - 1/10/95	28/8/95
RMIT Student Radio Assoc	Melbourne Vic	94.9	11/9/95 - 6/10/95	29/8/95
Nepean Riverlands Community Radio Assoc.	Penrith NSW	100.7	17/9/95 - 30/9/95	29/8/95
Bacchus Marsh Community Radio	Bacchus Marsh Vic	98.5	18/9/95 - 1/10/95	29/8/95