

## News Update

months to 30 June 1995) the average Australian music percentage across all categories was 22 per cent. Significantly, the major music stations in metropolitan and major regional markets (Category 'A' formats required to play a minimum of 25 per cent) have averaged 27.5 per cent of Australian music content over the three report periods, while Category 'B' stations (required to play a minimum of 15 per cent Australian content) have averaged 19.5 per cent.

Further, in the period 1 July to 31 December 1994, commercial radio stations added 133 tracks from 92 new Australian artists to playlists (new Australian artists for this purpose were defined as those who have entered the general music recording scene in the past 12 months). In the same period, 45 new tracks by 26

established Australian artists were added to playlists. In the six months to 30 June 1995 new music by new artists totalled 90 tracks by 61 artists, while new music by established artists added to commercial radio station playlists totalled 116 tracks by 58 artists (for copies of lists of these new tracks contact ARIA).

During the three review periods a total of only 10 stations have not met their percentage requirements under the Code—six were due to either ownership or format changes, while others were due to computer setup errors. On each occasion AMPCOM wrote directly to the stations seeking confirmation of their compliance with the code and/or format change. Each of the stations responded positively and have easily met the Code requirements in subsequent or previous reports.

Following the latest report AMPCOM formally acknowledged the efforts of radio stations in complying wwith the Code and congratulatory letters were sent to those stations which have achieved consistently high results.

Consistently high performers:

Metropolitan: 2MMM, 3MMM, 5SSA, 7HHO. Major Regional: 2KKO, 2LM, 2MW, 2ZZZ, 3BO,

3GG, 4CC, 4GR, 4RAM, 8HOT.

Regional: 2EC, 2GZ, 2HIL, 2ROX, 2WSK, 4RUM.

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## **Pay TV licences**

SYDNEY: The ABA has allocated subscription television broadcasting licences to Cable Network Services Pty Ltd ('CNS'), Northgate Cable Television Pty Ltd ('Northgate') and Mudgee Cable Company Pty Ltd ('MCC').

The ABA has allocated 150 subscription television broadcasting licences to Northgate, which proposes to provide a pay TV service via coaxial cable to individual homes throughout

Australia.

The ABA has allocated 50 subscription television broadcasting licences to CNS which proposes to provide Australia-wide pay TV services via cable. A range of programming including movies, comedy, music videos, home shopping and educational and children's programming will be broadcast.

MCC proposes to use its 60 pay TV licences to provide subscription television broadcasting services, including movies, comedy and children's programming via cable to the Mudgee and Gulgong region.

The ABA has allocated these licences under section 96 of the *Broadcasting Services Act* 1992. Under this section, the ABA must not allocate a licence to a service that uses satellite as a means of service delivery before 1 July 1997.

## Licences issued by ABA

Licence holder	No. of licences
Access Cable Television Ltd	110
Access Cable TV (Northern Rivers) Pty L	td 4
Cable Television Services Pty Ltd	20
Cable Network Services Pty Ltd	50
Central Coast Cablevision Pty Ltd	54
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 I	.td 150
Mudgee Cable Company Pty Ltd	60
Multicom Australia Pty Ltd	35
Neighborhood Cable Pty Ltd	72
Northgate Cable Television Pty Ltd	150
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
Total	1285

Copies of AMPCOM's annual report are available from FARB, on (02) 906 5944, and the ABA on (02) 334 7869.

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