

This month we look at the work of another licence area planning team, LAP Team A, along with some of their background work experience.

LAP Team A



Team A:
L-R: standing, Stirling Finlay, Elizabeth Allinson, Mari Millucci
L-R: seated, Khanh Tran, Michelle Dyne, Veluppillai Sundaralingam (Sunda).
Absent: Russ Morris
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Licence Area Planning (LAP) Team A, as with Teams B and C, is a multi-discipline team of engineering and administrative staff. Team A is preparing discussion papers and draft licence area plans for Remote Western Australia, the Esperance, Kalgoorlie and Merredin region, Remote Northern Australia and Remote Eastern Australia. As part of the consultation process, public meetings have been held at Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Meekatharra, Kununurra, Derby, Broome, Port Hedland, Newman, Karratha, Longreach, Charleville, Roma, St George, Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Thursday Island, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy, Bourke and Cobar. Notices appeared in local newspapers advertising details of the public meetings prior to the visits. The issues raised at the public meetings and from submissions received have been considered in preparing the draft discussion papers and LAPs.

Team profile

A brief profile of Team A members follows:

Stirling Finlay has drafted the discussion paper for the Darwin LAP and is presently drafting the discussion paper for Remote Western Australia.

Stirling previously worked in Station Planning Branch of the former Department of Transport and Communications and has been with Team A since 1992.

Veluppillai Sundaralingam is the Team Manager. Sunda is an engineer and has been with Planning Branch since inception and also previously worked in Station Planning Branch.

Khanh Tran joined Planning Branch in October 1994 after completing engineering studies at the University of Melbourne and is preparing technical specifications and planning frequency allotments for services proposed in the discussion papers being drafted in the Team.

Elizabeth Allinson has drafted the discussion paper for the Esperance, Kalgoorlie and Merredin region, released in late March. Elizabeth previously worked in Branch Support Section and with the Policy and Executive Support Unit of the Department of Transport and Communications.

Michelle Dyne is drafting the discussion paper for the Remote Central and Remote Eastern regions. Michelle enjoyed a short tenure with the National Transmission Agency and returned to the ABA in September 1994. Michelle previously worked with Stirling in Station Planning Branch.

Mari Millucci has recently returned from three months long service leave and provides administrative and clerical support to the Team. Mari previously assisted our colleagues in Team C and in Station Planning Branch worked in the Implementation Planning Section.

Russ Morris is a member of the engineering staff planning broadcasting frequencies Australia-wide. Russ also initiated the customer service of providing broadcasting stations data on disk and the success of this initiative is reflected in many orders for the information.

At the conclusion of the present planning for the remote areas of Australia, Team A is scheduled to commence planning for the Northern and Central Coast regions of Queensland. ☐