



For more information about section 39 licences, see *ABA Update* No. 42, p.3; No. 41, p.7; and No. 40, p.7.

service and will increase the choice of radio services available to local listeners,' said Mr Peter Webb, ABA Chairman.

Licences allocated under the Act are not currently subject to annual licence fees. The fee for each licence was \$ 10 000.

Licensees now have 12 months to get the new service up and running.

The new licences follow a change to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* which allows for early licensing of additional commercial radio licences in single service markets.

A total of 54 single station markets became eligible for an additional commercial radio licence under the new licensing arrangements.

'The ABA has received applications from licensees in all 54 of the markets and will be granting new licences progressively over the coming months,' said Mr Webb.

The ABA has already granted new licences to commercial radio broadcasters in Ballarat, Bathurst, Orange, Darwin, Bega, Lithgow, Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Merredin, Mandurah and Queenstown.

ACCC examines exclusive supply deals

SYDNEY: The ACCC has commenced an inquiry into two recent long-term exclusive program supply deals in Darwin and regional Western Australia between incumbent licensees and the Seven and Nine networks.

The ACCC is inquiring into whether the two exclusive program supply deals by Seven and Nine may prevent or hinder the potential for a new competitor in these licence areas, thus preserving the current sole status of the incumbents.

Temporary transmission of programs by aspirant community broadcasters

From 2 February to 29 March 1996, in order of date signed.

APPLICANT	AREA	FREQ.	PERIOD	DATE SIGNED
Radio Upper Murray	Walwa, Vic	88.5	3/2/96-3/3/96	2/2/96
Casino's Own Wireless Association	Casino, NSW	107.9	10/2/96-31/3/96	9/2/96
Ethnic Broadcasters of the ACT	Canberra, ACT	103.1	13/2/96-13/4/96	12/2/96
Employment Access Radio Incorporate	Moonie Ponds, Vic	99.9	15/2/96-29/3/96	12/2/96
Coraki Progress Association	Coraki, NSW	88.9	17/2/96-31/3/96	13/2/96
Nu Country Music Radio Inc.	Northcote, Vic	94.3	17/2/96-3/3/96	15/2/96
Mid North Coast Christian Broadcasters	Port Macquarie, NSW	106.3	21/2/96-5/4/96	15/2/96
Pirie Community Radio Broadcasters	Port Pirie, SA	101.9	24/2/96-31/3/96	15/2/96
Cessnock Community Broadcasters	Cessnock, NSW	104.5	19/2/96-3/3/96	15/2/96
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio	Kandos, NSW	95.5	17/2/96-3/3/96	15/2/96
SWR FM Radio Association	Doonside, NSW	100.3	24/2/96-28/4/96	22/2/96
Sunshine Coast Christian Broadcasters	Sunshine Coast, Qld	101.7	2/3/96-31/3/96	22/2/96

The deals in question are an agreement between Nine Network Australia Pty Limited and Golden West Network Pty Limited, which is associated with the Seven Network Limited; and an agreement between Seven Network Limited and Territory Television Pty Limited, a Nine Network subsidiary.

The ABA has identified interest in providing a second commercial television service in those markets.

The ABA referred the matter to the ACCC after it became aware of the program supply arrangements.

NSW is to clamp down on pornography on the Internet

SYDNEY: The NSW State Government has announced a plan to crackdown on offensive material such as pornography and sexually explicit games on on-line services.

The NSW Attorney-General, Mr Geoff Shaw, announced the introduction of stiff penalties of up to \$25 000 for transmission, advertising, access and retrieval of such material through on-line services

It is intended that the NSW legislation will serve as a model for criminal offences provisions on this issue for all states and territories.

The Standing Committee of the State Attorney's-General, at its meeting in Darwin in March, agreed to refer the draft provisions announced by Mr Shaw to the ABA for consideration in its investigation into the content of on-line services and the appropriateness of codes of practice for the on-line environment.