

Earlier this year the ABA invited applications for 21 transmitter licences to provide open narrowcasting radio services Australia wide and one open narrowcasting television service in Broome, WA. The successful applicants are listed below.

Transmitter licences to provide open narrowcasting services

On 1 April 1997, the ABA invited applications for 21 transmitter licences to provide open narrowcasting radio services in New South Wales, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Victoria, and one transmitter licence to provide an open narrowcasting television service in Broome, WA. Applications for the licences closed on 30 April.

This was the second round of open narrowcasting licences offered by the ABA under the price-based allocation system.

Two applications were received for each of the Broome television, Alice Springs radio and Katherine radio licences, and three applications were received for the Mildura radio licence.

Eleven of the remaining licences attracted one application each.

The ABA conducted licence allocation exercises to allocate the Broome television, and the Alice Springs, Katherine and Mildura radio licences on Thursday 22 May 1997.

Goolarri Media Enterprises Pty Ltd (Goolarri) bid \$26 000 to be the successful bidder for the new open narrowcasting television service in Broome.

Top End Sounds Pty Ltd (Top End Sounds) was the successful bidder for the new open narrowcasting radio services in Alice Springs and Katherine, bidding \$8000 for the Alice Springs licence, and \$4000 for the Katherine licence. Tatley Pty Ltd (Tatley) was the successful bidder for a new open narrowcasting radio service in Mildura, bidding \$32,000 for the Mildura licence.

The remaining 11 licences were allocated for the reserve price of \$4000.

All licences have a date of effect of 15 June 1997, and must commence service within six months or such longer period as approved in writing by the ABA.

Licences and licence holders - round 2

Television

State	Location	Licence Holder	Channel
Western Australia	Broome	Goolarri Media Enterprises Pty Ltd	Ch 35 UHF

Radio

State	Location	Licence Holder	Frequency
New South Wales	Bourke	NSW Race Narrowcasters Pty Ltd	96.1 MHz
	Brewarrina	NSW Race Narrowcasters Pty Ltd	96.1 MHz
	Collarenebri	NSW Race Narrowcasters Pty Ltd	97.1 MHz
	Lightning Ridge	NSW Race Narrowcasters Pty Ltd	98.5 MHz
	Walgett	NSW Race Narrowcasters Pty Ltd	99.5 MHz
	Wilcannia	NSW Race Narrowcasters Pty Ltd	98.3 MHz
Victoria	Mildura	Tatley Pty Ltd	89.1 MHz
Western Australia	Albany (town)	Totalisator Agency Board of WA	104.9 MHz
	Bunbury	Totalisator Agency Board of WA	1017 kHz
	Busselton	Totalisator Agency Board of WA	1404 kHz
Northern Territory	Katherine	Top End Sounds Pty Ltd	96.5 MHz
	Alice Springs	Top End Sounds Pty Ltd	107.1 MHz
	Tennant Creek	Top End Sounds Pty Ltd	104.5 MHz
	Yulara	Top End Sounds Pty Ltd	105.3 MHz

The ABA did not issue the following licences:

Bourke	94.5 MHz
Brewarrina	94.5 MHz
Walgett	99.5 MHz
Collarenebri	95.5 MHz
Wilcannia	96.7 MHz
Albany	93.7 MHz
Manjimup	1377 kHz

These licences may be re-offered for allocation by the ABA at a later date.