



• TAB Queensland.

Parties expressing interest in providing new commercial radio services or open narrowcasting radio services in the Mackay market are:

- Australia Announce Archive
- Link Communications
- R G Capital Radio
- SAT FM Pty Ltd; and
- TAB Queensland.

Other parties may emerge at the licence allocation stage.

The ABA did not receive expressions of interest from any party wishing to provide additional radio services in the Charters Towers area.

Public comment

The public is now invited to comment on the suggestions made in the draft radio licence area plans. Mr Webb said it is important to understand the ABA's role.

'The ABA's job is to identify vacant radio channels and

decide the number and type of new licences to be made available. Then it's for business and the community to take up these opportunities.'

'We cannot fund or make others fund extra services. We cannot demand improved reception of existing services,' he said.

'It is also important to note that making any of these services available is dependent on further information being provided to the ABA. The information we are seeking is detailed in the discussion paper and a recently published booklet, *The ABA's General Approach to Planning*.'

Consultation

The release of the draft plans follows wide public consultation by the ABA which held meetings in the region in May 1995. Submissions were received from 21 parties about radio services in the region.

The ABA recognises that the information currently available to it may be dated, and is seeking extra information from interested parties relating to the specific markets being planned. While the ABA can contact parties who have previously expressed an interest, it is also interested in hearing from any other parties who have not been involved in the planning process to date.

Allocation of licences

Commercial licences and transmitter licences for open narrowcasting services will be allocated under a price-based allocation scheme. Community licences will be allocated by means of a merit-based system. The ABA will generally begin the allocation process after a final LAP for each area has been determined.

The ABA's draft plans and discussion paper are available in local libraries in Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, Charters Towers, Cairns, Atherton and Innisfail. Copies are also available from the ABA by telephoning freecall 1800 810 241.

Written submissions should be addressed to: Planning Officer for Townsville, Mackay and Charters Towers or: Planning Officer for Cairns, Atherton and Innisfail, ABA, PO Box 34, Belconnen, ACT 2616.

**Closing dates:
For Townsville, Mackay and Charters Towers:
22 August 1997.**

**For Cairns, Atherton and Innisfail:
29 August 1997.**

Programs granted C or P classification

Programs granted C or P classification between 8 July and 14 August 1997. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist, Manager, Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7840.

Title	Origin	Class.	New/ Renewal	Decision date	Applicant
DOOM RUNNERS	Australia	CAD	new	17.6.1997	Millennium Runners Pty Ltd
CROCADOO (Series 2)	Australia	PRC	new	21.7.1997	Energee Entertainment Pty Ltd
KURRIYALA	Australia	PRC	new	31.7.1997	Hilary Kuhn
THE FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS	Australia	PRC	new	31.7.1997	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
CHALLENGER! (Series 3)	Australia	C	new	10.7.1997	Queensland Television Ltd
GOODSPORTS (Series 6)	Australia	C	new	14.7.1997	WIN Television Tasmania
HOT SHOTS (Series 4)	Australia	C	new	23.7.1997	Sportsworld Network
NOW YOU SEE IT (Series 9)	Australia	C	new	18.7.1997	Becker Entertainment Pty Ltd
TIME MASTERS (Series 4 & 5)	Australia	C	new	18.7.1997	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
BOBTALES	Australia	CAD	new	14.7.1997	Gripping Films and Graphics
THE SILVER BRUMBY (Series 2)	Australia	CAD	new	8.8.1997	Media World Features Pty Ltd

C - children's program, CAD - C Australian drama, P - preschool, PRC - provisional C Class. - Classification