



News Update

Copies

Copies of the draft plans and *The ABA's General Approach to Planning* are available from the ABA by telephoning Freecall 1800 810 241. It is also on the Internet at <http://www.dca.gov.au/aba/hpcov.htm>.

Public comment

The ABA invites comment on its preliminary views. These and the draft licence area plans are available in local libraries in Armidale, Gunnedah, Inverell, Moree and Tamworth.

Submissions

Send submissions to: Planning Officer for Armidale, Gunnedah, Inverell, Moree and Tamworth
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by **13 February 1998**.

includes the radio markets of Armidale, Gunnedah, Inverell, Moree and Tamworth.

The ABA is proposing to make one new (i.e. a third) commercial radio licence available for allocation for Tamworth, and is inviting submissions on whether it should make third commercial licences available in each of Armidale, Gunnedah and Moree. It is also proposing to make channel capacity available for a translator at Warialda for commercial radio station 2GEM Inverell. This follows interest expressed by potential service providers.

The ABA is proposing to make one new community radio licence available for allocation in each of Armidale, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Inverell, Glen Innes, Deepwater, Moree and Tamworth.

The draft licence area plans propose that FM open narrowcasting radio licences be made available for Walcha, Gunnedah, Inverell, Glen Innes, Moree and Tamworth. The ABA is also considering the option of making additional high power FM open narrowcasting radio licences available for allocation in Armidale and Gunnedah, and a second low powered FM open narrowcasting radio licence available in Walcha. The ABA is also considering the option of making additional commercial or open narrowcasting radio licences available in Armidale, Walcha and Gunnedah.

Planning for television services in the region is scheduled for 1999.

The ABA has allocated 50 licences for pay TV broadcasting services to Selectra which intends to deliver the services via satellite throughout Australia. The services will cover a diverse range of programs including golf and other sports, news, general entertainment and infotainment.

The ABA has allocated 30 licences to Foxtel, to deliver the services via cable throughout Australia. The services will cover a diverse range of programming including news, sport, movies, drama and music.

The following table lists all subscription television licences allocated to date by the ABA.

Subscription television broadcasting licence holders

<i>Licence holder</i>	<i>No. of licences</i>
Access Cable Television Ltd	110
Access Cable TV (Northern Rivers) Pty Ltd	4
Cable Network Services Pty Ltd	50
Cable Television Services Pty Ltd	20
Central Coast Cablevision Pty Ltd	54
CFM Television Pty Ltd	1
Continental Century Pay TV Pty Ltd	1
Cosmovision Cable Television Pty Ltd	50
Cox Media Pty Ltd	56
CVC Pay TV Pty Ltd	20
Dergat Pty Ltd	4
Explorer Channel Pty Ltd	1
Foxtel Cable Television Pty Ltd	50
Graff Pay-Per-View (Australia) Pty Ltd	10
Home Show Cable Australia Pty Ltd	20
Interactive Telecommunications Network Ltd	150
Mudgee Cable Company Pty Ltd	60
Multicom Australia Pty Ltd	35
Neighbourhood Cable Pty Ltd	72
Northgate Cable Television Pty Ltd	150
NRS Group Pty Ltd	13
Oberon Broadcasters Pty Ltd	10
Optus Vision Media Pty Ltd	100
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	100
Star Vision Pty Ltd	70
Vinatech Pty Ltd	50
vVisitor Publishing Group Pty Ltd	2
Wright Weller Rosenblum Pty Ltd	10
Total	1557



L-R: John Dickie, Office of Film and Literature Classification; Cornelius Crans, Director Netherlands Board of Film Classification; and Ann Katrin Ageback, Council on Media Violence, Sweden, at the ABA for a meeting with ABA staff on issues relating to violence and the media.

ABA allocates pay TV licences to Selectra and Foxtel

SYDNEY: The ABA has allocated licences for pay TV broadcasting services to Selectra Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the AUSTAR group and Foxtel Cable Television Pty Ltd.