



News Update

Recent changes to subscription television companies

Australis

Australis Media Ltd was placed into liquidation on 18 May 1998. The ABA does not have the power to order or compel Australis to recommence its Galaxy service.

Australis ceased broadcasting the Galaxy pay TV package on 20 May. Galaxy subscribers who wished to make alternative arrangements with any other pay TV provider were informed by the receivers that this would be a matter for the individual subscriber. They have also been informed that Foxtel has purchased the equipment installed in their homes.

Northgate Communications

On 25 May, Northgate Communications advised subscribers that their cable television service in Ballarat, Victoria, would cease from 1 June. Northgate also advised that it would continue to provide its untimed long distance telephone service.

The ABA does not have the power to order or compel Northgate to recommence its cable television service.

It is possible that one or more of the other pay TV companies may decide to commence providing a service in areas formerly served by Australis/Galaxy or Northgate. However, the decision would be a commercial one for those companies.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Issued during May 1998.

<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Area served</i>	<i>Freq. (MHz)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Issue date</i>
NSW				
Bathurst Christian Broadcasters	Bathurst	100.1	1 6 98 – 30.6.98	28.5 98
Blacktown City Community Radio Assoc	Blacktown	100.3	1.5.98 – 28 2 99	30.4 98
Way Out West Fine Music Inc	Blacktown	88.3	1 5.98 – 28.2.99	30.4.98
Deepwater and Districts Community FM Radio Incorporated	Deepwater	91.1	20.5 98 – 30 9.98	13.5 98
Central Coast Broadcasters Ltd	Gosford	94.1	1.5 98 – 28.2 99	30.4.98
Hawkesbury River Radio Group Inc.	Gosford	94.1	1.5.98 – 28 2 99	30.4.98
Radio Five-O-Plus Association Inc	Gosford	95.3	1 5.98 – 28 2 99	30.4.98
Wyong Gosford Progressive Community Radio	Gosford	93.3	1.5.98 – 28 2 99	30.4.98
Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Community Radio Inc.	Hornsby	100	1 5 98 – 28.2.99	30.4.98
Nepean Christian Broadcasters Inc.	Katoomba	99.9	15.6.98 – 28 2.99	
Mid North Coast Christian Broadcasters	Port Macquarie	99.9	1 5.98 – 30.11 98	30.4.98
Nepean Riverlands Community Radio Assoc.	Springwood	100.7	1 5.98 – 28.2 99	30.4.98
Islamic Council of NSW Inc.	Sydney	94.5	19.5 98 – 11.6.98	11.5.98
Sydney Gay and Lesbian Broadcasters (Free FM)	Sydney	96.9	17 5.98 – 26 6.98	11.5.98
Muslim Community Radio Inc	Sydney	94.5	12 6.98 – 4.7.98	
Sydney Youth Radio Inc.	Sydney	96.9	27 6.98 – 26 7 98	
Victoria				
Central Melbourne FM Inc.	Melbourne	91.5	1.6 98 – 31 7.98	22 5 98
La Trobe Union Radio Inc.	Melbourne	95.7	1 6.98 – 16 7.98	22.5.98
SRA (Student Radio Association) formerly RMIT Student Radio Association	Melbourne	94.9	19.5.98 – 14 6 98	18 5 98
Whitehorse-Boroondara FM Inc.	Melbourne	94.1	1 7.98 – 31 12.98	29.5.98
Albury-Wodonga Christian Broadcasters Inc.	Wodonga	101.7	1.5 98 – 31 8.98	30 4.98
Queensland				
Blackwater Community Broadcasters Assoc. Inc	Blackwater	92.7	21.5.98 – 20 5.99	20 5.98
Smithfield Community Radio Association	Cairns	98.7	11 5.98 – 11 12.98	8.5.98
South Australia				
Fresh Broadcasters Inc.	Adelaide	92.9	1 5.98 – 30.6.98	30 4.98
Music Broadcasting Society of SA	Adelaide	100.5	1 5 98 – 30.4.99	1 5.98
Radio Televisione Italiana (SA) Inc	Adelaide	92.9	1 5 98 – 30 6.98	30.4.98
Way Out West Broadcasting Assoc. Inc	Adelaide	100.7	6 5 98 – 30.4 99	5 5.98