

**Table 2: Licences for which applications are yet to be called**

State	Area	No. of licences
NSW	Bourke	1
	Deniliquin	1
	Lightning Ridge	1
	Lord Howe Island	1
Vic	Mildura	1
Qld	Bundaberg	1
	Emerald	1
	Gladstone	1
	Hervey Bay	1
	Mackay	1
	Mareeba	1
	Maryborough	1
	Rockhampton	1
	Yeppoon	1
	WA	Esperance
Geraldton		2
Kalgoorlie		2
Merredin (Bruce Rock)		1
Northampton		1
Port Hedland		1
NT	Boorooloola	1
	Katherine	1
Territories	Christmas Island	1
	Cocos Island	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>26</b>

**Table 3: Licences planned but not yet available for allocation**

State	Area	No. of licences	Licence available
NSW	Lithgow	1	18 June 1999
	Mudgee	1	16 July 1999
Vic	Swan Hill	1	9 July 1998
	Mt Beauty	1	8 Oct 1999
Qld	Bowen	1	19 Nov 1998
	Palm Island	1	19 Nov 1998
SA	Riverland	1	22 Aug 1998
WA	Bunbury	1	27 Nov 1998
	Bridgetown	1	27 Nov 1998
	Collie	1	27 Nov 1998
	Katanning	1	23 Oct 1998
	Mandurah	1	7 Aug 1998
	Margaret River	1	27 Nov 1998
	Narrogin	1	23 Oct 1998
	Northam	1	11 Sept 1998
	Wagin	1	23 Oct 1998
	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

Table 3:


Note that the dates given are not a timetable for when the licences will be allocated but rather the dates after which the ABA will consider offering the licences.

# Workplan for allocating community broadcasting licences

The ABA has made 79 new community broadcasting radio licences available as a result of its planning process. Allocation of 16 of these has been deferred (table 3). The ABA has allocated 22 licences, is considering a further 15 (table 1) and is yet to call for applications for the remaining 26 (table 2).

The ABA proposes to commence four allocations in July: in Bourke, New South Wales, Hervey Bay and Maryborough in Queensland, and Esperance, Western Australia.

The ABA will progressively schedule available licences for allocation in light of factors such as the original licence area planning priorities, whether an area is already served by a community radio service, the range of existing radio services in the area, and whether known aspirant broadcasting groups are well placed to pursue licence allocation at that time.

The ABA maintains a flexible approach to scheduling licence allocation exercises, and aims to minimise the time taken for each exercise and to maximise the number of allocation exercises it can conduct at one time. 

**Table 1: Licences which have been advertised**

State	Area	No. of licences	Closing date for applications
NSW	Albury	1	closed
	Barham	1	allocated 2 April 1998
	Bathurst	1	closed
	Dubbo	1	closed
	Cobar	1	allocated 22 Jan 1998
	Kandos	1	allocated 22 Jan 1998
	Orange	2	allocated 22 Jan 1998
Vic	Alexandra/Eildon	1	allocated 14 May 1998
	Ballarat	1	allocated 2 Apr 1998
	Bendigo	2	closed
	Corryong	1	closed
	Echuca	1	allocated 2 Apr 1998
	Kyneton	1	closed
	Mansfield	1	closed
	Mildura	1	allocated 11 Sept 1996
	Shepparton	1	closed
	Walwa/Jingellic	1	closed
Qld	Wangaratta	1	allocated 14 May 1998
	Cairns	1	closed
	Cunnamulla	1	closed
	Mt Isa	2	allocated 12 Sept 1997
	Torres Strait	1	allocated 28 Aug 1997
	Townsville	1	closed
SA	Ceduna	1	allocated 20 Feb 1997
	Kangaroo Island	1	allocated 23 Jun 1997
WA	Albany	1	allocated 27 Nov 1997
	Broome	1	allocated 8 Aug 1997
	Derby	1	closed
	Fitzroy Crossing	1	allocated 15 May 1997
	Halls Creek	1	allocated 26 Aug 1997
	Meekatharra	1	closed
	York	1	allocated 14 May 1997
NT	Darwin	2	allocated 11 June 1998
	<b>Total</b>		<b>37</b>