

Workplan for allocating community broadcasting licences

The ABA has made 114 new community broadcasting radio licences available as a result of its planning process. The ABA has allocated 40 licences and is currently considering the allocation of 17 more (see table 1).

The ABA proposes to call for applications for a further 18 licences by 31 December 1999 (see table 2).

Licences listed in table 3 are those for which there is no known aspirant or the ABA has given the aspirant time to develop its service before calling for applications. Table 4

lists licences which have been deferred and will be made available after the nominated dates.

See the ABA web site <www.aba.gov.au> for details of the 40 licences allocated to date.

Table 1: Licence allocations commenced

Area		No. of licences	Closing date
NSW	Cessnock/Maitland	1	15 September
	Coffs Harbour	1	closed
	Kempsey	1	closed
	Lake Macquarie	1	15 September
	Lightning Ridge	1	15 September
	Murrundi/Muswellbrook	1	closed
	Narrabri	1	closed
	Newcastle	1	closed
	Port Macquarie	1	closed
	Taree	1	closed
Vic	Bendigo	2	closed
Qld	Bowen	1	22 September
	Bundaberg	1	closed
	Cunnamulla	1	closed
	Emerald	1	closed
	Hervey Bay	1	closed
Total		17	

Table 2: Licences: allocations to start by 31 December 1999

Area		No. of licences	Expected date
ACT	Canberra	3	December
	Tuggeranong	1	December
NSW	Bega	1	November
	Cooma	1	November
	Grafton	1	November
	Queanbeyan	1	December
	Wollongong	2	November
	Yass	1	December
	Qld	Dalby	1
Mareeba		1	September
Rockhampton		1	September
Toowoomba		1	September
Warwick		1	September
Wondai		1	September
NT	Boorooloa	1	September
Total		18	

Table 3: Licences for which applications are yet to be called

Area		No. of licences	
NSW	Deniliquin	1	
	Lithgow	1	
	Lord Howe Island	1	
	Mudgee	1	
Vic	Mildura	1	
	Swan Hill	1	
	Corryong	1	
Qld	Walwa/Jingellic	1	
	Cherbourg	1	
	Mackay	1	
SA	Palm Island	1	
	Riverland	1	
WA	Bridgetown	1	
	Bunbury	1	
	Collie	1	
	Geraldton	2	
	Kalgoorlie	2	
	Katanning	1	
	Mandurah	1	
	Margaret River	1	
	Merredin (Bruce Rock)	1	
	Narrogin	1	
	Northam	1	
	Northampton	1	
	Port Hedland	1	
	Wagin	1	
	NT	Katherine	1
	Territories	Christmas Island	1
		Cocos Island	1
Total		31	

Table 4: Deferred licences

Area		No. of licences	Licences available after
NSW	Glen Innes	1	8 July 2000
	Gunnedah	1	22 July 2000
	Inverell	1	8 July 2000
	Milton/Ulladulla	1	September 2000
	Moss Vale	1	September 2000
	Moree	1	22 July 2000
Vic	Mt Beauty	1	8 October 1999
Qld	Gayndah	1	28 October 1999
Total		8	

