



News Update

7 pay TV licences to TARBS

The ABA has allocated seven subscription television broadcasting licences to Television and Radio Broadcasting Australia Pty Ltd (TARBS).

TARBS has indicated that the licences will be used to provide a range of services with news, cartoons, sport, music videos, and fashion programs. The services will be provided using satellite and microwave frequencies.

Unlike apparatus licences or other service delivery permits, these licences do not have geographical limitations. Therefore, a service licence is valid throughout Australia as long as

the programming on that service is the same in all areas of reception. Where the service differs in a location, a separate service licence is required.

Before allocating the licences the ABA examined the foreign holdings in TARBS to establish that allocation of the licences would not lead to a breach of the foreign ownership restrictions on pay TV broadcasting licences. A foreign person may not have company interests of more than twenty per cent in a pay TV broadcasting licence, nor may two or more foreign persons hold more than thirty five per cent in aggregate.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Issued during April 1999.

Licensee	Area served	Frequency MHz	Period	Issue date
Australian Capital Territory				
ArtSound FM	Canberra	103.1	1-5-1999 to 5-8-1999	2-4-1999
Canberra Christian Radio Ltd	Canberra	107.1	1-5-1999 to 5-8-1999	30-4-1999
Canberra Community Radio Inc.	Canberra	107.1	1-5-1999 to 5-8-1999	23-4-1999
Country Music Collective Inc	Canberra	103.1	1-5-1999 to 5-8-1999	22-4-1999
Ethnic Broadcasting Council of the ACT	Canberra	103.1	1-5-1999 to 5-8-1999	23-4-1999
Radio Antenna International FM Inc	Canberra	107.1	1-5-1999 to 5-8-1999	22-4-1999
New South Wales				
Central Hunter Community Broadcasters Inc	Maitland/Cessnock	96.5	12-4-1999 to 27-3-2000	9-4-1999
Combined Multicultural Christian Community of NSW	Sydney	94.5	1-4-1999 to 11-5-1999	31-3-1999
Underground Broadcasting Incorporated	Sydney	96.9	11-4-1999 to 20-5-1999	7-4-1999
Victoria				
Melbourne Gospel Radio	Melbourne	91.5	19-4-1999 to 13-6-1999	14-4-1999
Nu Country Music Radio Inc.	Melbourne	94.9	20-4-1999 to 25-4-1999	20-4-1999
Triple Seven Communications Inc.	Melbourne	89.9	19-4-1999 to 30-5-1999	8-4-1999
Employment Access Radio Inc.	Melbourne	94.9	26-4-1999 to 6-6-1999	22-4-1999
Queensland				
Beaudesert Community Radio	Beaudesert	102.9	13-4-1999 to 12-4-2000	7-4-1999
One FM Broadcasters Inc.	Brisbane	97.3	9-4-1999 to 30-6-1999	7-4-1999
Buralim Media Aboriginal Corporation	Bundaberg	94.7	7-4-1999 to 6-7-1999	1-4-1999
Kooma Aboriginal Corporation for Land	Cunnamulla	99.7	22-4-1999 to 21-1-2000	20-4-1999
Emerald Community Broadcasting Inc.	Emerald	96.3	1-5-1999 to 31-8-1999	30-4-1999
NAG Radio Broadcasting Association Inc.	Yeppoon	91.3	20-4-1999 to 19-8-1999	13-4-1999
South Australia				
Fresh Broadcasters Inc.	Adelaide	92.9	1-5-1999 to 31-1-2000	22-4-1999
Radio Televisione Italiana (SA) Inc.	Adelaide	92.9	1-5-1999 to 31-1-2000	22-4-1999
Music Broadcasting Society of South Australia	Adelaide	101.5	1-5-99 to 31-1-2000	22-4-1999
Western Australia				
Esperance Sonshine Broadcasters Inc.	Esperance	103.9	9-4-1999 to 8-8-1999	6-4-1999
Tasmania				
Tasman Community Broadcasters	Tasman/Forestier Peninsulas	89.3	28-4-1999 to 27-4-2000	22-4-1999

