



# 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<br>MHz | Period                 | Issue date |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Australian Capital Territory</b>               |                                |                  |                        |            |
| 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  |
| <b>New South Wales</b>                            |                                |                  |                        |            |
| 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   |
| <b>Victoria</b>                                   |                                |                  |                        |            |
| 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  |
| <b>Queensland</b>                                 |                                |                  |                        |            |
| Beauesert Community Radio                         | Beauesert                      | 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  |
| <b>South Australia</b>                            |                                |                  |                        |            |
| 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  |
| <b>Western Australia</b>                          |                                |                  |                        |            |
| Esperance Sonshine Broadcasters Inc.              | Esperance                      | 103.9            | 9-4-1999 to 8-8-1999   | 6-4-1999   |
| <b>Tasmania</b>                                   |                                |                  |                        |            |
| Tasman Community Broadcasters                     | Tasman/Forestier<br>Peninsulas | 89.3             | 28-4-1999 to 27-4-2000 | 22-4-1999  |

