

Workplan for allocating community broadcasting licences

The ABA has made 137 new community broadcasting radio licences available as a result of its planning process. Twelve of these became available on 22 June 2000 when the ABA finalised the licence area plans for Melbourne, Geelong and Colac radio.

The ABA has allocated 70 of the licences (five of these were during the April to June 2000 period), has decided not to allocate four (one during the April to June period) and is currently processing applications for a further eight licences (see table 1).

Table 1: Licence allocations in progress

Area	No. of licences	Closing date	
NSW	Blacktown	1	closed
	Campbelltown	1	closed
	Hornsby	1	closed
	Penrith	1	closed
	Sydney	3	closed
Qld	Cunnamulla	1	closed
Total		8	

Table 3: Deferred allocations

Area	No. of licences	Licences available after	
NSW	Cooma	1	March 2001
	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
	Narrabri	1	July 2000
	Wollongong	1	March 2001
	Yass	1	May 2001
Vic	Mt Beauty	1	October 2000
Qld	Gayndah	1	October 2000
Total		12	

Licences listed in table 2 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 3 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 74 licences allocated to date.

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

Area	No. of licences	
NSW	Dennilquin	1
	Liithgow	1
	Lcord Howe Island	1
	Mudgee	1
Vic	Corryong	1
	Mildura	1
	Swan Hill	1
	Walwa/Jingellic	1
Qld	Cherbourg	1
	Mackay	1
	Palm Island	1
SA	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