



### Voluntary scheme

The previous legislation applied only to program expenditure by pay TV licensees, whereas, in practice, expenditure is made by channel providers. As these entities were outside the scope of the legislation, the ABA could not require them to meet the 10 per cent expenditure requirement. The ABA, however, encouraged voluntary expendi-

ture on new Australian drama by pay TV broadcasters and channel providers.

The ABA developed guidelines and under this arrangement pay TV broadcasters and channel providers have been reporting on their new Australian drama expenditure. Under the voluntary scheme, however, few pay TV entities met the 10 per cent level.

### Aggregate expenditure by pay TV drama services on new Australian drama

Year	No of channels	Total program expenditure \$	Expenditure on new Australian drama \$	% of total program expenditure
1995-96	11	24 570 420	1 740 420	7.1
1996-97	15	64 581 955	3 242 745	5.0
1997-98	16	100 806 940	8 173 504	8.1
1998-99	17	118 767 599	6 340 026	5.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>308 726 914</b>	<b>19 496 695</b>	<b>6.3</b>

### Pay TV drama channels

The 17 predominantly drama pay TV channels covered by the ABA guidelines in 1998-99.

Channel	Broadcaster	Channel provider
Arena	FOXTEL Austar	<b>XYZ Entertainment</b>
The Disney Channel	Optus	<b>Disney Channel Australia</b>
FOX	FOXTEL	<b>FOXTEL Management</b>
Fx	FOXTEL	<b>FOXTEL Management</b>
Nickelodeon	FOXTEL Austar	<b>Nickelodeon Australia</b>
TV1	FOXTEL Austar	<b>TV1</b>
Hallmark*	FOXTEL	Hallmark
The Cartoon Network	<b>FOXTEL</b>	Turner Entertainment
TNT (now called TCM)		
The Cartoon Network /TNT [TCM]	<b>FOXTEL satellite</b> <b>Optus</b> <b>Austar</b>	Turner Entertainment
UKTV	FOXTEL	<b>UKTV</b>
Movie One	Optus	<b>The Movie Channels</b>
Movie Extra		
Movie Greats		
Showtime	FOXTEL	<b>The Premium Movie Partnership</b>
Encore	Austar	
thecomedychannel	FOXTEL Austar	<b>thecomedychannel</b>

Note: the reporting entity is shown in **bold**

\* FOXTEL, the reporting entity for Hallmark, did not report on this channel

## Public hearing for three Sydney community radio licences

The ABA is to conduct a public hearing to assist it in allocating three new Sydney-wide community radio licences. The hearing will be held in the Marconi Room, 4th floor, Town Hall House, Sydney on the following dates:

**Monday 14 August — Friday 18 August 2000 (five days)**  
**Thursday 24 August — Friday 25 August 2000 (two days)**  
**Monday 28 August — Tuesday 29 August 2000 (two days)**

The applicants for the licences, in order of scheduled appearance are:

### Hearing schedule

Applicant	Date and time
OutFM Sydney Limited	14 August, 9.30 am
Information Radio Incorporated	14 August, 2.30 pm
Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation	15 August, 9.30 am
Underground Broadcasting Incorporated (Radio DEX)	15 August, 2.30 pm
Sydney Gay and Lesbian Broadcasters Incorporated (Free FM)	16 August, 9.30 am
2 Groove Incorporated	16 August, 2.30 pm
New Wave Broadcasters Limited	17 August, 9.30 am
Sydney Youth Radio Incorporated (Wild)	17 August, 2.30 pm
Free Broadcast Incorporated (FBI)	18 August, 9.30 am
Australian Free Group Incorporated	18 August, 2.30 pm
Islamic Council of NSW Incorporated	24 August, 9.30 am
Club Marconi of Bossley Park Social Recreation and Sporting Centre, Limited	24 August, 2.30 pm
Melkite Catholic Eparchy Corporation	25 August, 9.30 am
Chinese Community Service Broadcasting Inc.	25 August, 2.30 pm
Combined Multicultural Christian Community of NSW Incorporated	28 August, 9.30 am
Chinese Community Radio Association Inc.	28 August, 2.30 pm
Muslim Community Radio Incorporated	29 August, 9.30 am
The International Council of the Lebanese Migrants in Australia Incorporated	29 August, 2.30 pm