



Five new radio services for Gosford

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The ABA's decisions are contained in its final licence area plan for radio in Gosford.

'The ABA has taken into account the views of all who made submissions before deciding on the most beneficial mix of new services to made available in the Gosford region,' said Professor Flint.

'There are special issues for regional markets which abut metropolitan areas. The ABA has given careful consideration to these in planning Gosford,' he said.

'With a very limited number of radio channels, the high demand from aspirant broadcasters and technical restraints on a majority of channels, decisions on the best use of these channels was always going to be difficult.'

'Ultimately, the ABA has been guided by the objects of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, particularly that of promoting the availability to audiences of a diverse range of radio and television services offering entertainment, education and information.'

The ABA expects to allocate the commercial licence for

Table Radio services in the Gosford market (new services in bold and marked NS)						
Area served	Category of service	Callsign	Frequency	Maximum ERP & CMF (power)	Nominal location	Technical notes
NS	Gosford Open narrowcast		801 kHz	1.35 kW (5 kW)	Chittaway Point	
NS	Gosford National CBD		92.5 MHz	200 W	Mt Penang	
NS	Gosford National CBD		98.1 MHz	200 W	Mt Penang	See note 1
	Gosford Commercial	2CFM	101.3 MHz	16 kW	Mt Penang	
	Gosford Commercial	2GGO	107.7 MHz	16 kW	Mt Penang	
NS	Gosford Commercial		104.5 MHz	16 kW	Mt Penang	See note 2
				Directional		
	Gosford Community	2CCC	96.3 MHz	2 kW	Mt Penang	
NS	Gosford Community		93.3 MHz	2 kW	Mt Penang	See note 1
NS	Gosford Community		94.1 MHz	2 kW	Mt Penang	See note 1
NS	Gosford Community		94.9 MHz	2 kW	Mt Penang	See note 1

Notes 1 Interference limited, planned to provide protection to 66 dBµV/m contour.

2 There is potential for image interference from aeronautical services transmitting on Airservices Australia frequencies 125.7 MHz, 125.8 MHz & 126.0 MHz to some receivers tuned to 104.5 MHz in certain locations within the Gosford licence area.

Gosford by the end of this year.

The main planning issue is the limited availability of radio frequency spectrum to accommodate the interest expressed by existing and potential radio broadcasters in establishing new services.

In addition to the new services shown in the table, the

ABA has allowed for an increase in power and an increase to the licence area of the existing community radio service 2CCC to include the Shire of Wyong.

For planning purposes, Gosford is now considered as a sub-urban radio noise environment because of urban de-

velopment over the years, therefore, the five channels assigned for the national and community radio services will provide a sub-urban grade (66 dBµV/m) of service within the coverage area.

Copies of the licence area plan for Gosford radio are available from the ABA and on the ABA web site.

