



ABA consultation on day/night switching

The ABA is seeking public comment on draft guidelines for the implementation of day/night switching of transmission power of AM radio broadcasting services in Australia. The increase in daytime transmission power is designed to improve the daytime reception of AM services which may have deteriorated over the years as a result of an increase in environmental noise because of urban development.

Day/night switching allows AM radio broadcasting services to increase their maximum transmission power during the day, although they must revert to lower power transmission at night. This improves reception during the day while having minimal impact

on coverage of other AM stations on the same or adjacent channels. Day/night switching is a spectrum-efficient way of improving reception of existing services.

The ABA has released a consultation paper which introduces a set of guidelines for the implementation of day/night transmission power switching. The ABA is proposing an 18 month trial periods for AM radio broadcasting services in metropolitan and regional radio markets.

The discussion paper is on the ABA web site, <www.aba.gov.au>.

Please send submissions to: Director Engineering, ABA, PO Box 34, Belconnen ACT 2616; or email to: daynight@aba.gov.au. Submissions on the draft guidelines close on 31 March 2000.

Consultation paper

To see the paper, go to:
www.aba.gov.au

Submissions

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Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated in January 2000.

<i>Licence area</i>	<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Freq.</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish allocated</i>
ACT				
Tuggeranong	Valley FM Broadcasters Association Inc.	89.5	30-1-2000 to 30-4-2000	18-1-2000
NSW				
Narrabri	Kaputar FM Community Radio Inc.	91.3	1-2-2000 to 29-2-2000	28-1-2000
Nimbin	Nimbin Independent Media Inc.	102.3	13-1-2000 to 30-6-2000	5-1-2000
Sydney	Chinese Community Radio Inc.	94.5	1-2-2000 to 1-3-2000	25-1-2000
Victoria				
Bacchus Marsh	Bacchus Marsh Community Radio Group Inc.	98.5	1-2-2000 to 30-6-2000	24-1-2000
Melbourne	Joy Melbourne Independent Community Broadcasters Inc.	90.7	25-9-1999 to 31-3-2000	20-1-2000
Melbourne	Nu Country Music Radio Inc.	94.9	17-1-2000 to 27-2-2000	10-1-2000
Melbourne— Camberwell	Swinburne Student Union Inc	94.1	1-2-2000 to 30-6-2000	28-1-2000
Melbourne— Camberwell/ Whitehorse	Boroondara FM Community Radio Inc.	94.1	1-2-2000 to 30-6-2000	25-1-2000
Melbourne— Werribee	WYN-FM Community Radio Inc.	88.9	1-2-2000 to 30-6-2000	24-1-2000
Warragul— Gippsland	West Gippsland Community Radio Inc.	99.5	14-1-2000 to 13-1-2001	7-1-2000
Queensland				
Brisbane	Brisbane Interactive Radio Group Inc.	97.3	30-1-2000 to 31-3-2000	19-1-2000
Cairns	Smithfield Community Radio Association Inc.	101.9	24-1-2000 to 23-1-2001	17-1-2000
Gold Coast	Christian Air Broadcasters Ltd	94.1	1-2-2000 to 31-3-2000	25-1-2000
Gold Coast	Gold Coast Community Broadcasters Ltd	95.7	1-2-2000 to 31-3-2000	25-1-2000
South Australia				
Adelaide	Fresh Broadcasters Inc.	92.7	1-2-2000 to 31-3-2000	28-1-2000
Adelaide	Music Broadcasting Society of South Australia Inc.	101.5	1-2-2000 to 30-6-2000	24-1-2000
Adelaide	Radio Televisione Italiana (SA) Inc.	92.7	1-2-2000 to 30-6-2000	25-1-2000
Mount Gambier	South East Christian Broadcasters Inc.	99.9	1-2-2000 to 31-1-2001	24-1-2000