



The ABA invites written submissions on radio services in the radio markets of Murrumbidgee/Riverina, Gippsland, Western Victoria, South East South Australia, Spencer Gulf and Tasmania.

# ABA to plan radio services

## in regional NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania

The ABA is canvassing views on radio services in the radio markets of Murrumbidgee/Riverina, Gippsland, Western Victoria, South East South Australia, Spencer Gulf and Tasmania.

'We want to hear from a wide cross section of the community in these areas — people in the industry, representatives of community groups, anyone who listens to radio,' said Professor Flint. 'This is an opportunity for the people of these regions to have their say about any reception or interference problems with existing services and express their views about what

kind of new services should be made available.'

### Submissions

The ABA invites written submissions from existing and potential broadcasting licensees and people who live in the areas listed in the table below.

### Planning

The ABA has divided Australia into 23 radio licence area planning zones and has arranged those zones into five priority groups. Planning for priority groups 1, 2 and 3 is complete. Planning for group 4 (the metropolitan areas) is under way: the licence area plan for Sydney was com-

pleted in December 1999 and a final licence area plan for Melbourne, Geelong and Colac is expected to be released this month. A draft licence area plan for Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Richmond/Tweed and Gympie is also expected to be released at this time. The ABA expects to complete licence area plans for the Perth and Adelaide metropolitan markets by mid 2001.

At the time the planning priorities were determined, group 5 was assigned lowest priority due to low expressed demand to provide new services and the relatively small size of communities within the zones.

### Television

Group 5 also consists of nine television planning zones. Previously, when planning for a group that contains both radio and television zones, there has been a concurrent call for submissions. Given the high priority for digital television planning and because new analog television services will have an adverse impact on digital channel capacity, the ABA has decided that group 5 analog television licence area plans will be finalised following completion of regional digital channel plans. The ABA will therefore make a separate call for submissions for television planning in these regions.



Zone	Zone name	Major towns
R10	Murrumbidgee/Riverina	Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Cowra, Young, Leeton, Tumut, Cootamundra
R12	Gippsland	Traralgon, Moe-Yallourn, Morwell, Sale, Bairnsdale, Warragul, Wonthaggi
R13	Northern Tasmania	Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, Ulverstone, Georgetown, Wynyard, Queenstown
R14	Southern Tasmania	Hobart, Kingston, Bridgewater, New Norfolk, Sorell
R17	Western Victoria	Warrnambool, Horsham, Portland, Hamilton, Stawell
R18	SE South Australia	Mount Gambier, Murray Bridge, Mount Barker, Victor Harbor, Naracoorte, Millicent, Goolwa
R20	Spencer Gulf	Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Port Lincoln, Kadina, Clare

### Submissions

**Closing date** 5.00 p.m. 30 June 2000.

Submitters are advised to obtain a copy of the information booklet for their zone. These are on the ABA web site at: <[www.aba.gov.au/what/broplan/licence\\_area\\_plan.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/what/broplan/licence_area_plan.htm)> or call the ABA on (02) 6256 2826. The booklets can also be viewed at local public libraries.

### Send submissions to:

by email: [group5sub@aba.gov.au](mailto:group5sub@aba.gov.au)  
 by mail: Planning Officer for [zone name]  
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Submissions must quote the relevant file number (given in the information booklet).

