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# Public hearing for four Melbourne community radio licences

The ABA is to conduct a public hearing to assist it in allocating three new Melbourne-wide community radio licences and a Melbourne City community radio licence. The hearing will be held in the Old Council Chambers (formerly the Reception Room) at the Melbourne Town Hall from Monday 13 August to Friday 17 August 2001.

'The hearing will assist the ABA in deciding the relative merits of the applicants. It is also a good opportunity for the applicants to argue their application to the ABA in person,' said ABA Chairman, Professor David Flint.

Anyone making a submission in relation to the hearing and allocation of licences should be aware that the ABA might place these materials on a public file, on the ABA's web site, provide copies to applicants, and may require them to participate in the hearing process.

The applicants for the licences, and the day they are currently scheduled to appear are listed

in the table. The ABA may change the date a group appears. The final hearing schedule is on the ABA web site.

All applications for the licences received by the ABA can be viewed on the ABA web site [www.aba.gov.au/whats\\_new/melbcommradio.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/whats_new/melbcommradio.htm).

## Community broadcasting

Only non-profit community broadcasting organisations, which represent a community interest, are eligible for the allocation of a community broadcasting licence.

The ABA's licence allocation system applies to services using radiofrequency spectrum in the broadcasting services bands (e.g. FM radio), not to community services using cable, satellite or other means of delivery.

The ABA will assess all applications on the basis of the merits of the applicants and their proposed services and on the comparative merits of competing applications, having regard to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

## Hearing schedule

| Date                | Time       | Aspirant group  |
|---------------------|------------|---|
| Monday 13 August    | 9.00 am    | 3AC Australian Melbourne Chinese Radio Incorporated                                   |
|                     | 10.30 am   | 3CCFM Association Incorporated  |
|                     | 12.00 noon | Radio 3SA Suburban Radio Incorporated   |
|                     | 14.30 pm   | The South Eastern Indigenous Media Association (Kool n Deadly)                        |
|                     | 16.00 pm   | The Victorian Muslim Community Information Service Incorporated (Islamic Voice Radio) |
| Tuesday 14 August   | 9.00 am    | Melbourne Gospel Radio Incorporated   |
|                     | 10.30 am   | Triple Seven Communications Inc.  |
|                     | 12.00 noon | Catholic Broadcasting Ltd   |
|                     | 14.30 pm   | Student Youth Network Incorporated (SYN FM)   |
| Wednesday 15 August | 9.00 am    | Central Melbourne FM Incorporated (City FM)   |
|                     | 10.30 am   | Melbourne Pulse Radio Incorporated (Pulse FM)   |
|                     | 12.00 noon | New-Gen Radio Incorporated (Kix FM)   |
|                     | 14.30 pm   | Joy Melbourne Incorporated (Joy FM)   |
| Thursday 16 August  | 14.30 pm   | Hitz FM Broadcasters Incorporated (Hitz FM)   |
|                     | 16.00 pm   | Kiss FM Incorporated (Kiss FM)  |
| Friday 17 August    | 9.00 am    | Hot FM Current Chart Radio Incorporated (Street FM)                                   |
|                     | 10.30 am   | Laughtertainment Community Radio Incorporated (Laugh Radio)                           |
|                     | 12.00 noon | Showbiz Radio Incorporated  |
|                     | 14.30 pm   | Nu Country Music Radio Incorporated   |