



New radio services proposed for ...

Sale and Warragul

Draft radio licence area plans for Gippsland

The ABA is proposing to make licences available for new commercial radio services in Sale and Warragul, along with two new community radio services in Warragul. In addition, the ABA is proposing to extend the licence area of the 3RPH community radio service in Melbourne to include Warragul.

The ABA is proposing to reduce the licence area of the Sale commercial radio service, 3TR, to exclude the Moe-Yallourn region. The licensee of 3TR believes the service is not well received in the Moe-Yallourn region and that the residents of the region have more of an affinity with Warragul. This exclusion would have the effect of making the licensees of both 3TR and 3GG eligible to apply to provide second commercial radio services on the FM band in the two areas. The ABA is interested in

submissions from residents in the region about the quality of reception of the 3TR service, noting that it is not proposing to reduce the 3TR signal into Moe-Yallourn.

Vision Australia, the licensee of the 3RPH Melbourne service, is interested in providing the radio for the print handicapped service across Victoria. The ABA is proposing the best way to do this is to extend the licence area of the service.

The ABA is also seeking submissions from residents in the Cann River region who are not currently in the licence area of any commercial radio service. The ABA has received an expression of interest to provide a service to the region, but also seeks submissions on including the region in the licence area of the remote commercial radio services which are available via satellite.



Draft licence area plans

The proposals represent the ABA's thinking at this stage of the planning process. The ABA seeks information from interested parties that will assist it in making informed decisions. Before reaching a final decision the ABA will have regard to all the submissions obtained through public consultation on the draft licence area plans.

The draft licence area plans can be viewed at the ABA's web site at www.aba.gov.au/what/broplan/licence_area_plans.htm. Copies of the licence area plans are available from the ABA by calling Freecall 1 800 810 241, and will be available for viewing at local libraries.

Submissions closing date

Submissions on the plans are due by **24 August** (except **10 August** for Gippsland or **31 August** for south east Queensland)

Warrnambool and Hamilton

Draft radio licence area plans for Western Victoria

The ABA is proposing to make licences available for new commercial radio services in Warrnambool and Hamilton, along with a new community radio service in Horsham.

The ABA is also proposing to extend the licence area of the Melbourne 3RPH community radio service to include Warrnambool.

The ABA is proposing to reduce the licence area of the Warrnambool commercial radio service, 3YB, to exclude the Portland region. The licensee of the 3YB service believes the service is not well received in the Portland region and that residents of the region have more of an affinity with Hamilton. Excluding this region from the Warrnambool licence area has the effect of making the

licensee of both the Warrnambool 3YB service and the Hamilton 3HA service eligible to apply to provide second commercial radio services on the FM band in the two areas.

The ABA is interested in submissions from residents in the region about the quality of reception of the 3YB service, noting that it is not proposing to reduce the 3YB signal into Portland.

The ABA is also proposing:

Warrnambool: to make channel capacity available for the existing community radio service (3WAY) to change frequency and extend its existing licence area.

Horsham: to make channel capacity available for a community radio service and one additional national radio service.

Portland: to make channel capacity available for the 3ABCFM service, currently reserved to operate in Portland on 88.1 MHz, to change to an alternative frequency and to make channel capacity available for one additional national radio service.

Nhill: to make channel capacity available for two additional national radio services.






Spencer Gulf

Draft radio licence area plans for Spencer Gulf

The ABA is proposing to make licences available for new community radio services in Port Pirie and the Yorke Peninsula, to extend the licence area of the commercial radio service 5AU Port Augusta to include Roxby Downs, and make a channel available in Wudinna for retransmission of the 5CC Port Lincoln commercial radio service.

The licensees of both 5AU and 5CS have requested that the ABA decrease the licence areas of the services. This would have the effect of making the licensee eligible to apply to provide second commercial radio services on the FM band in each of these licence areas. At this stage, the ABA does not believe it can reduce the licence areas, and therefore seeks submissions from residents in the areas proposed for exclusion (Melrose, Iron Knob and Roopena Station), about the quality of their reception of the 5AU and 5CS services.

However, the ABA is interested in finding a way to bring FM commercial radio services to the Spencer Gulf region and has proposed possible solutions in its discussion paper. The ABA now seeks input from the commercial radio licensee and residents in the region on the most effective way to provide FM services.

The ABA is also proposing to make channels available for three national radio services to serve Port Lincoln and the lower Eyre Peninsula. 

South East South Australia


Draft radio licence area plans for South East South Australia

The ABA is proposing to make available an additional community radio service in Mount Gambier and two new community radio services in Victor Harbor.

In addition, the ABA is proposing to extend the licence area of commercial service 5EZY Murray Bridge to include Mount Barker and Victor Harbor and extend the licence area of Bordertown community radio service, 5TCB, to Kingston/Robe and Naracoorte. The ABA is also proposing to change the frequency and increase the power of community radio service 5GTR Mount Gambier.

The ABA also proposes to make an additional FM channel available for the ABC in Mount Gambier.

The ABA has not proposed to plan new commercial or narrowcasting services at this stage, due to limited expressed demand with appropriate supporting information from potential service providers.

The draft licence area plans for the south east South Australia region are part of the ABA's planning for group 5 markets, expected to be concluded by the end of the year. 


South East Queensland Adelaide

Draft radio licence area plans for Nambour, Gympie and Remote North East Queensland

The ABA is proposing to make channels available in the Noosa/Tewantin area to improve reception of the commercial radio services 4GY and 4NNN Gympie, and 4SSS and 4SEE Nambour.

The ABA is also proposing to extend the licence area of the commercial radio service 4SUN Remote North East Queensland to include Caloundra (which is also served by 4SSS and 4SEE Nambour) and to make a channel available for retransmission of the service to the Mt Tamborine area.

The proposals are in discussion papers and draft variations to the Nambour, Gympie and Remote North East Queensland licence area plans.

The ABA does not consider its proposal to extend the 4SUN commercial radio service into Caloundra is likely to adversely impact on the Nambour commercial radio market. However, due to the proposal to vary the Remote North East Queensland licence area to overlap with the Nambour licence area, the ABA will accept further submissions on its decision to make a third commercial radio service available in Nambour. 

Draft radio licence area plan for Adelaide radio

The ABA has proposed making an additional commercial radio licence available for Adelaide in two years time. The proposal is in the ABA's revised draft licence area plan for radio in Adelaide.

In the draft licence area plan for the Adelaide radio market released in October 2000, the ABA proposed that no additional commercial radio services would be made available. The ABA had proposed to consider further the issue of additional commercial radio services in Adelaide four years after determination of the Adelaide licence area plan.

The ABA now proposes to make a licence for an additional commercial radio service available two years after the determination of the Adelaide radio licence area plan. The service is proposed to operate on 91.9 MHz from Mt Lofty, with a low power FM retransmitter to operate from Grenfell Street.

Making a new commercial radio licence available would require a move to new frequencies for 5CST, the community radio service, and a low power retransmitter for commercial radio service 5SSA. 