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made with particular individuals in contemplation;

2. Notwithstanding the power of variation give by section 26(2), a licence area plan is expected to have a moderately long term application and to lay down parameters within which decisions affecting individuals will be taken;

3. There is a clear distinction between the planning concerns of Part 3 of the Broadcasting Services Act and the Part 4 provisions regarding allocation of licences which more directly affect the interest of individuals; and

4. Section 204 of the Broadcasting Service Act provides for review by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of a wide range of decisions which the ABA makes under the Act, including decisions under Part 4 and subsequent Parts of the Act but omits review of the preparation of a licence area plan under section 26(1).

The applicant has lodged an appeal to the High Court.

3AK Melbourne to move to 1116 kHz

The ABA has decided to make the 1116 kHz frequency on the AM band in the Melbourne licence area permanently available to commercial radio service 3AK.

The ABA has also decided to make the frequency 1503 kHz available for a new community radio service in Melbourne.

The decisions are contained in a variation to the Melbourne radio licence area plan.

The completion of the variation to the Melbourne licence area plan means that the ABA can proceed with the allocation of the new community licence with the assigned frequency of 1503 kHz.

A copy of the licence area plan variation is available from the ABA web site at www.aba.gov.au or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

Electronic transactions with the ABA

The *Electronic Transactions Act 1999* provides a legal framework for using electronic communications as a means of providing information, documents or a signature to Commonwealth Government agencies. On 29 June 2001 the ABA published its requirements for electronic communications under the Electronic Transactions Act.

Clients who wish to communicate electronically with the ABA must comply with its transmission and format requirements to ensure that all electronic communications are legally valid.

ABA requirements

For most transactions, clients can communicate with the ABA by:

- fax
- email, no larger than 2MB, including attachments, or
- using the ABA's web-based forms.

There are special transmission requirements for a range of specified transactions, for example applications for broadcasting licences, go to: www.aba.gov.au/forms/elecTrans/table.htm.

For information on the requirements that apply to material sent to the ABA via computer go to: www.aba.gov.au/forms/elecTrans/format.htm.

The ABA intends to upgrade its online transaction processing to provide web-based forms for as many transactions as possible.

For the full details on the ABA requirements for electronic communications go to: www.aba.gov.au/forms/elecTrans/index.htm.

For information about the general direction of the Government Online policy and initiatives, see the Government Online web site, www.govonline.gov.au.



C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 30 January and 26 February 2001. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

Program title	Origin	Class	New/renewal	Decision dated	Applicant
JUNGLE GIRL AND THE LOST VALLEY OF THE DINOSAURS	Australia	CD	new	19-Jul-01	Burbank Animation Studios
RODDY THE ROOSTER AND FRIENDS	Australia	P	new	12-Jul-01	Animagination Pty Ltd
WISHBONE (Series 1)	USA	C	renewal	12-Jul-01	Southern Star Sales

C – children's program, C Drama – C Australian drama program, P – preschool program, Class. – Classification