



Frequency variation for new Melbourne commercial radio services

The ABA has decided that the new commercial radio service for Melbourne, originally determined to operate on 91.5 MHz, change frequency to 100.3 MHz. The ABA has also decided that a second new commercial radio service, to be made available in 2004, operate on frequency 91.5 MHz.

In reaching its decision, the ABA has considered the decision it made when it determined the Melbourne radio licence area plan in June 2000. At that time the ABA decided that if it appeared likely that broadcasts on the 91.5 MHz frequency would need to be restricted in power due to potential interference with the ABC television service on channel 3 in North East Tasmania, the ABA would change the frequency of the commercial radio service to 100.3 MHz.

As the licensee of the new service (DMG Radio) has indicated to the ABA that it is ready to commence its service later this year and the ABC television service is set to continue on channel 3 at least into next year, the ABA is proposing the switch in frequency.

The ABA believes that the current timetable for the cessation of the ABC television service in North East Tasmania means that a broadcaster would be able to operate an unrestricted service on the 91.5 MHz frequency when it is made available for an additional commercial radio service in 2004.

The Melbourne licence area plan variation and explanatory notes are available from the ABA's website at www.aba.gov.au or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.



Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated in August 2001

<i>Area served</i>	<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Date allocated</i>
Christmas Island	Radio VLU2-FM Announcers Association Inc.	102.1, 105.3	31-8-2001 to 30-8-2002	27-8-2001
NSW				
Coonabarabran	Warrumbungles Community Broadcasting Association Inc. (Coonabarabran)	99.5	30-8-2001 to 29-8-2002	21-8-2001
Coonamble	Warrumbungles Community Broadcasting Association Inc. (Coonamble)	91.9	30-8-2001 to 29-8-2002	21-8-2001
Eden	Eden Community Radio Inc.	104.7	01-9-2001 to 31-8-2002	21-8-2001
Gilgandra	Warrumbungles Community Broadcasting Association Inc. (Gilgandra)	98.9	30-8-2001 to 29-8-2002	21-8-2001
Monaro	High Country Community Media Association Inc.	90.5, 93.3, & 93.9	01-9-2001 to 31-3-2002	21-8-2001
SA				
Barossa Valley	Barossa Broadcasting Board Inc.	89.1	01-9-2001 to 31-8-2002	21-8-2001
VIC				
Melbourne	Student Youth Network Inc.	94.9	03-9-2001 to 21-7-2001	22-8-2001
Melbourne	Hot FM Current Chart Radio Inc.	89.9	09-7-2001 to 23-8-2001	17-8-2001
Melbourne	Triple Seven Communications Inc.	89.9	24-8-2001 to 03-7-2001	17-8-2001