



# News Update

These new community radio licences were made available in the licence area plans for Brisbane and related areas, released by the ABA in December 2000. The ABA intends to invite applications for the remaining community broadcasting licences in these areas later in 2001.

Any applicant for a licence must be a company formed in Australia and must represent a community interest.

The ABA will send an application form and information kit to all known aspirant community broadcasters in the Brisbane and Gold Coast licence area. However, if you are an existing aspirant and the ABA has not contacted you by 19 March 2001, you should contact the ABA's Licensing Section on 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700.

Copies of all applications received will be available from 27 April 2001:

- on the ABA's web site at [www.aba.gov.au/what/broplan/new\\_licence.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/what/broplan/new_licence.htm)
- in the Brisbane Central City Library, (Cnr George & Adelaide St, Brisbane), and the Southport Library (level 1, Australia Fair, Marine Parade, Southport).

The ABA welcomes written submissions from the public in relation to the applications received. The closing date for submissions is 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 11 May 2001. Mark submissions, 'Submission re area (Brisbane/Gold Coast) application, Licensing section, ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230 or email at [info@aba.gov.au](mailto:info@aba.gov.au).

'While we cannot predict the future with any confidence, the advent of a new technology, one which opens up a new broadcasting spectrum, necessarily requires public authorities to act. Now obviously some aspects of regulation will continue into the new digital area. This will be especially true of those rules enunciating ethical principles,' Professor Flint said.

'Just because news or current affairs is being broadcast by radio or television, in analog or digital, does not of course change those principles. For example, we would still expect news to be distinguishable from comment. We would still expect a proper respect for people's privacy. And on that, let me stress that intrusion into people's privacy which cannot be justified in the public interest is not acceptable.'

'If there are loopholes in the codes which seem to permit this, the ABA expects these to be filled. And until they are we expect broadcasters to exercise appropriate restraint in all program areas.'

The full text of his address can be found at [www.aba.gov.au/whats\\_new/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/whats_new/index.htm).

**Applications closing date:**

**5 pm 17 April 2001.**

**Submissions closing date:**

**5 pm 11 May 2001.**

## New licences

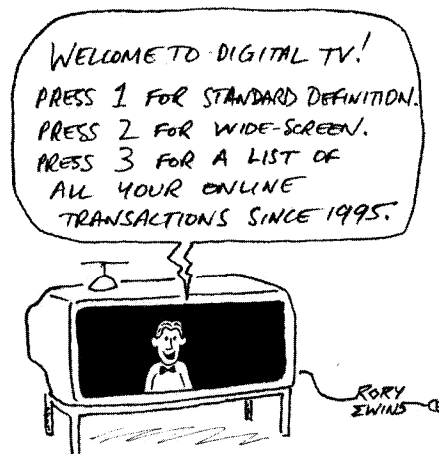
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## Speeches

[www.aba.gov.au/whats\\_new/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/whats_new/index.htm)

## Privacy rules still apply

The advent of the digital era in broadcasting does not imply any reduction in the requirement of broadcasters to abide by ethical principles in broadcasting, said Professor David Flint when addressing the Broadcast 2001 conference at Darling Harbour, Sydney on 26 February.



## 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 date	Applicant
TABALUGA (SERIES 2)	Australia	C Drama	new	21-2-01	Yoram Gross EM.TV
THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY	Australia	C Drama	new	21-2-01	Burbank Animation Studios
ZIRKOS KIDS (SERIES 3)	Australia	P	new	26-2-01	Wave Entertainment Pty Ltd

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