



## 2UE licence conditions brought into line with radio standards

The ABA has varied the two conditions on the licence of commercial radio service 2UE Sydney. These conditions were imposed following the ABA's inquiry into 2UE. The ABA subsequently imposed three commercial radio standards dealing with substantially similar issues on the whole industry. Those standards came into operation on 15 January this year.

The variations remove some inconsistencies between the conditions imposed uniquely on 2UE and the generally applicable industry standards. The variations ensure 2UE's licence conditions match the obligations imposed on all commercial radio licensees, while retaining the particular conditions the ABA imposed to deal with matters relevant to 2UE alone.

In some respects the standards the ABA imposed on the whole radio industry are more onerous than the conditions initially imposed on 2UE, because more information emerged about the breadth of the disclosure problems in commercial radio after the 2UE hearings and after conditions were imposed on 2UE.

In other respects, the 2UE conditions are more onerous than the radio standards, reflecting the particular circumstances at 2UE uncovered by the 2UE hearings.

The variations continue and in some ways strengthen the system of disclosure imposed on 2UE. They clarify any doubt and ensure that 2UE will comply both with the industry-wide standards and the special conditions on its own licence. 2UE has been provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed variations.

The licence conditions were originally gazetted in February 2000. The variations to both licence conditions commenced operation on 13 June 2001 and cease operation on 2 April 2003.

The licence conditions can be viewed on the ABA web site at [www.aba.gov.au/what/program/commradio/](http://www.aba.gov.au/what/program/commradio/)

## Interactive Gambling Act 2001

The Interactive Gambling Bill 2001 was passed by Parliament on 28 June.

The Act makes it an offence to provide an interactive gambling service to customers in Australia. It also prohibits advertising these services. Both these provisions will come into effect 28 days after Royal Assent.

The Act also establishes a complaints based system for dealing with prohibited Internet gambling content which will commence on a date to be proclaimed or six months after Royal Assent. This system will be administered by the ABA. A code or standard which will apply to Internet service providers and will deal with designated Internet gambling matters must be in place before the complaints based system comes into effect.

## ABA allocates new non-broadcasting services bands commercial radio licence

The ABA has allocated a new commercial radio broadcasting licence to Aussie Regional Pty Ltd to cover the whole of Western Australia, except for the Perth metropolitan radio licence area. The licence is restricted to means of delivery that do not use the broadcasting services bands.

### C and P programs

*Programs granted C and P classification between 22 May and 22 June 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
HENRY	Australia	P	new	29-5-01	Ambience Entertainment Pty Ltd
IN THE BOX (SERIES 4)	Australia	P	new	7-6-01	Network Ten Pty Limited
KIDS' CLUB (SERIES 1)	Australia	C	new	22-5-01	McGuire Media Pty Ltd
TOTALLY WILD (SERIES 10)	Australia	C	new	6-6-01	Network Ten Pty Limited
Y? (SERIES 4 AND SERIES 5)	Australia	C	new	8-6-01	Southern Star Endemol Pty Ltd

*C – children's program, P – preschool program, Class. – Classification*

