



News Update

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 16 July and 20 August 2002. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

<i>Program title</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>New/renewal</i>	<i>Decision dated</i>	<i>Applicant</i>
BAMBALOO	Australia	PRP	new	2/08/2002	Yoram Gross EM TV
OCEAN STAR (EPISODES 1-6)	Australia	CD	new	2/08/2002	BBHTV Pty Limited
WHIRLWIND	Australia	PRC	new	15/07/2002	BBHTV Pty Limited
YAKKITY YAK	Australia	CD	new	14/08/2002	Kapow Pictures

C – children's program, CD – C drama, P – preschool, PRC – provisional C, PRP – provisional P, Class. – Classification

Extension for Adelaide change of frequency

The ABA is proposing to extend the time period within which the Adelaide Foothills translator service of 5SSA Adelaide is required to change its operating frequency. The ABA is proposing to extend the time period by six months, until 31 March 2003.

The ABA's view is contained in its explanatory paper and draft variation to the Adelaide radio licence area plan, released on 22 July 2002 for public comment.

The ABA determined the Adelaide licence area plan on 6 September 2001. It decided to make one additional commercial radio service available two years after the gazettal date of the licence area plan, which was 19 September 2001.

In order to make the additional service available, the 5SSA commercial radio translator service that serves the Adelaide Foothills, was required to change frequency, from 91.1 MHz to 90.3 MHz, within 12 months of gazettal of the licence area plan, that is by 18 September 2002.

On 20 June 2002, Austereo Pty Ltd sought the ABA's permission to extend the date by which the frequency change is required, to 31 March 2003 instead of 18 September 2002.

Given that the ABA does not propose to auction the additional commercial radio licence until after September 2003, the ABA proposes to extend the timeframe for 5SSA to change frequency until 31 March 2003.

Extension for new Sydney AM community radio licence

Following a request for an extension of time from a number of intending applicants, the ABA has decided to extend the closing date for applications for the Sydney-wide AM band community radio licence until Monday 23 September 2002.

Previously, on 15 July 2002, the ABA invited applications for the new Sydney-wide community radio licence (SL 1150757) to transmit on 1386 kHz on the AM band with a closing date for applications of 12 August 2002.

Copies of all applications received will be placed for public perusal on the ABA's website from Friday 27 September 2002, at: www.aba.gov.au/radio/index.htm.

Copies of all applications received will also be made available for public perusal in the ABA Library on level 16 Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex St, Sydney. Please call (02) 9334 7922 to confirm Library opening hours.

The ABA welcomes written submissions from members of the public in relation to the applications received. Submissions should now be lodged with the ABA by 5.00 p.m. Friday 11 October 2002. Submissions can also be lodged via email to info@aba.gov.au. Copies of any letters of support included with applications and subsequent support letters received by the ABA will not be displayed on the web site or in libraries. However, statistical data on these letters will be placed on the ABA's website.

