



## Second commercial TV services for regional NSW and SA

The ABA has determined the channels to be used for second commercial television services at Spencer Gulf North in South Australia and Broken Hill in New South Wales.

UHF channels 42 at Spencer Gulf North, 62 at Burra, 63 at Clare, 64 at Coffin Bay, 55 at Cowell, 57 at Port Lincoln, 50 at Quorn and 46 at Tumbly Bay will be made available for the second commercial television service in the Spencer Gulf North region.

VHF channel 9A will be made available for the second commercial television service at Broken Hill.

The existing commercial television licensees of the single service television markets of Spencer Gulf North (Spencer Gulf Telecasters Ltd) and Broken Hill (Broken Hill Television Ltd) have applied for the second licences.

The variations to the television licence area plans for Spencer Gulf North and Broken Hill are available on the ABA website at: [www.aba.gov.au/tv/analog/planning/laps.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/tv/analog/planning/laps.htm) or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

## Open narrowcasting frequency withdrawn in Queensland

In its recent round of offers for applications for 92 transmitter licences to provide narrowcasting services throughout Australia, the ABA included the 96.9MHz frequency in Moranbah, Queensland as one of the frequencies available. The ABA has decided to withdraw the 96.9 MHz frequency from the list of frequencies on offer.

96.9 MHz was planned in the Emerald Licence Area Plan as a frequency to be made available for the purposes of providing an open narrowcasting service. This frequency has been offered through a price based allocation (auction) process on two other occasions in June 1998 and May 1999. No applications were received however.

Accordingly, in September 1999 the frequency was made available under s34 of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* for the purpose of providing a temporary community broadcasting service. Rock FM was allocated their first temporary community broadcasting licence in March 2000 and have been on air since that time.

The ABA is in the process of seeking submissions to vary the Emerald Licence Area Plan to plan a permanent community radio licence on 96.9 MHz in Moranbah.

## Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated 26 March - 22 April 2002

<i>Area served</i>	<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Date allocated</i>
<b>NSW</b>				
Ballina RA1	Paradise F M Community Radio Association Inc.	101.9	01-5-2002 to 30-11-2002	15-4-2002
Cowra RA1	Cowra Community Information and Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	100.7	10-5-2002 to 09-5-2003	18-4-2002
Monaro RA1	Monaro Community Radio Inc.	90.5, 93.3, 93.9	01-4-2002 to 31-3-2002	27-3-2002
Yass RA1	Yass Community Radio Association Inc.	100.3	01-5-2002 to 30-4-2003	15-4-2002
<b>QLD</b>				
Nambour RA2	Caloundra Community Radio Association Inc.	104.9	01-4-2002 to 30-6-2002	27-3-2002
<b>SA</b>				
Victor Harbor	Encounter FM Community Broadcasters Association Inc.	89.3, 94.7 & 88.3	01-4-2002 to 30-6-2002	27-3-2002
Victor Harbor	Great Southern FM Community Broadcaster's Association Inc.	90.1	01-4-2002 to 30-6-2002	27-3-2002