

News Update

Copies of explanatory papers and draft variations

The explanatory papers and draft variations to the Bega, Canberra, Cooma, Goulburn, Nowra and Wollongong licence area plans are available from the ABA:

web: www.aba.gov.au or tel: Freecall 1800 226 667.

Changes to radio services in the Illawarra, south east NSW and the ACT

The ABA has released proposals to make channel capacity available for additional community and national radio services at seven locations in the Illawarra, South East New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. The ABA has also proposed changes to existing radio services in the region.

The proposals are contained in explanatory papers and draft variations to the relevant licence area plans.

'The planned changes to a number of existing services are anticipated to resolve reception deficiencies in the region,' said Professor Flint.

'The reservation of channel capacity for national services is proposed due to the ABA's commitment to identify spectrum for additional national services in accordance with the Governments objective to provide the full range of ABC services in particular regions.'

The ABA determined the radio licence area plans for Bega, Canberra, Cooma, Goulburn, Nowra and Wollongong in mid 1999. Since that time the ABA has received numerous requests from broadcasters requesting variations to these licence area plans.

The populations of the Illawarra, South East NSW and ACT commercial and community radio licence areas, were initially determined using 1996 Census figures. The ABA now proposes to redefine the licence areas using 2001 Census figures.

Analog television services in southern NSW and regional Victoria

The ABA is calling for submissions on its draft licence area plans for analog television services in Southern New South Wales and Regional Victoria. The draft plans set out the ABA's preliminary views on the number and characteristics of television services proposed to be made available in these areas.

'The ABA is seeking people's views on the draft plans, but submitters should be aware that the process is generally about retaining the status quo and is being completed within the confines of current policy and legislation,' said Professor Flint.

The licence area plans will:

- determine the licence areas for each of the markets and
- confirm the technical parameters of each of the existing analog television services.

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 17 June and 29 August 2003. 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
FERGUS MCPHAIL	Australia	CD	new	3–7–2003	Burberry Productions Pty Ltd
(episodes 14 – 26)					
HI-5 (series 5)	Australia	Р	new	19–6–2003	Kids Like Us
HOT SOURCE (series 1)	Australia	C	new	19–6–2003	Channel 9 Network
SLEEPOVER CLUB (series 2)	Australia	CD	new	8–7–2003	Burberry Productions Sleepover Club
					Pty Ltd
STANLEY (series 1)	USA	C	new	8–7–2003	Seven Network (Operations) Ltd
THE NEW ADVENTURES	USA	C	new	13–7–2003	Seven Network (Operations) Ltd
OF MADELINE					
THE TOOTHBRUSH FAMILY	Australia	CD	renewal	3–7–2003	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Limited
(series 2)					
ART ALIVE (series 1)	Australia	Р	new	31–7–2003	Yoram Gross – EM TV
ART ALIVE (series 2)	Australia	Р	new	31–7–2003	Yoram Gross – EM TV
DAN DANN P.I.	Australia	PRC	new	31–7–2003	Circa Entertainment
KETCHUP (series 2)	Australia	C	renewal	14-8-2003	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
PICK YOUR FACE (series 3)	Australia	C	new	7–8–2003	Banksia Productions Pty Ltd
TABALUGA (series 3)	Australia	CD	new	7–8–2003	Yoram Gross – EM TV

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

