



News Update

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Draft plans

The drafts and the

accompanying

explanatory papers are

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The draft plans for Southern New South Wales and Regional Victoria include alternative channels in a number of locations for services that may need to change channels to accommodate digital television services.



Proposals for the remote north east zone licence area

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available at various locations in Queensland for transmission of the commercial radio service 4RBL Remote North East Zone. New channels are at Inglewood and Texas and alternate channels at Childers/Gin Gin, Beaudesert, Canungra and Kilcoy for the 4RBL service.

The ABA is also proposing to make frequencies available to the associated commercial radio service 4BRZ, at Childers/Gin Gin, Stanthorpe, Inglewood, Texas and Kilcoy and alternate technical specifications available at Beaudesert and Canungra.

The ABA's views are contained in its draft variation to the licence area plan for radio for the Remote North East Zone.

The ABA last determined the Remote North East Zone component of the Remote Central and Eastern Australia Licence Area Plan in August 2002.

Rebel Radio Network Pty Ltd, the licensee of the remote commercial radio service, has sought additional channel capacity for its existing service (4RBL) and for its second service (4BRZ). Rebel Radio Network has also requested changes to the technical operating conditions of some of its existing services in the black spots areas and a change to the technical operating conditions of its translator service for Beaudesert.

Following the release of the 2001 Census data, the ABA updated all commercial licence areas to reflect changes in collection districts boundaries, identifying a number of collection districts that did not fall within a commercial licence area.

The ABA now proposes to include three additional collection districts into the Remote North East Zone licence area, which would increase the population of the service by 609 people and remove one collection district. This collection district does not contain a single populated centre.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Temporary community broadcasting licences allocated in the period 14 June – 25 August 2003

Area served	Licensee	Frequency (MHz)	Period	Date allocated
New South Wales				
Coonabarabran	Warrumbungles Community Broadcasting Association Inc.	99.5	30-8-2003 to 29-8-2004	20-8-2003
Coonamble	Warrumbungles Community Broadcasting Association Inc.	91.9	30-8-2003 to 29-8-2004	20-8-2003
Eden RA1	Eden Community Radio Inc.	104.7	1-9-2003 to 29-2-2004	12-8-2003
Gilgandra	Warrumbungles Community Broadcasting Association Inc.	98.9	30-8-2003 to 29-8-2004	20-8-2003
Gosford RA1	Radio Yesteryear Inc.	94.9	1-7-2003 to 30-9-2003	26-6-2003
Lithgow RA2	Lithgow Community Broadcasters Incorporated	90.5	1-7-2003 to 30-6-2004	19-6-2003
Murwillumbah RA2	North Coast Broadcasters Ltd	101.3	1-8-2003 to 31-1-2003	1-7-2003
Tumut RA1	Montreal Community Theatre Inc.	96.3	1-8-2003 to 31-1-2004	30-7-2003
Wollongong RA2	Hellenic Australian Radio Inc.	93.3	1-8-2003 to 31-1-2004	16-7-2003
Victoria				
Mt Beauty RA1	Kiewa Valley Community Radio Association	92.5	1-8-2003 to 31-10-2003	17-7-2003
Queensland				
Blackwater RA1*	Blackwater Community Radio Inc.	92.7	1-2-2003 to 31-10-2003	20-8-2003
Moranbah RA1*	Rock FM Association Inc.	96.9	1-5-2003 to 30-9-2003	21-8-2003
Western Australia				
Perth RA1	Capital Community Radio Inc.	90.5	9-8-2003 to 8-2-2004	8-8-2003
Tasmania				
George Town RA 1	Tamar FM (Inc.)	95.3	29-8-2003 to 28-11-2003	25-8-2003

* The licence periods for Moranbah and Blackwater have been varied.

