

**Closing date for comment**

24 October 2003.

For copies of the papers

The draft variation to the licence area plan together with an explanatory paper are available from the ABA's web site at www.aba.gov.au or tel: Freecall 1800 810 241.

Draft variation to Gosford and Taree licence area plans

The ABA is proposing to vary the technical operating conditions of the new commercial radio service in Gosford and to change the FM frequency of the existing community radio service, 2BOB Taree.

The ABA is also proposing to make channel capacity available for an additional community radio service in Taree.

The proposals are contained in the draft variation to the Gosford and Taree radio licence area plans released today for public comment.

'The ABA's proposals follow consideration of requests from the licensee of the commercial radio service in Gosford, DMG Radio, to enable it to transmit with the same radiation pattern and power as the existing commercial radio services, 2GGO and 2CFM in Gosford,' said Ms Maddock.

The ABA indicated to DMG that it would only consider a variation to the technical specifications of the new commercial radio service in Gosford if 2BOB Taree was prepared to change to a different frequency, acceptable and agreed to by 2BOB.

'The licensee of 2BOB has agreed to the proposal to change frequency from 104.5 MHz to 104.7 MHz to enable the new Gosford commercial radio service to transmit with an omni-directional output radiation pattern on 104.5 MHz,' said Ms Maddock.

Before reaching a final decision the ABA is interested in receiving comments on the proposals to change the technical specifications of the new Gosford commercial radio service, change of frequency for 2BOB and making an additional community radio service available in Taree.

Changes proposed for radio services in Cocos Islands

The ABA is proposing to make additional channel capacity available on 105.3 MHz at Home Island, Cocos Islands, for a community radio service.

'Before reaching a final decision the ABA is interested in receiving comments on the proposal to make additional channel capacity for a community radio service in the Cocos Islands,' said Ms Maddock.

In August 1996, the ABA determined the licence area plan for Remote Western Australia, making channel capacity available for a community radio service to operate on 96.0 MHz from West Island, Cocos Island with a maximum ERP of 100 W.

The Voice of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Inc. (VKW) has been operating on a temporary community broadcasting licence on 96.0 MHz since September 2002. In November 2002, VKW submitted an application to the ABA requesting two frequencies, one on the West Island and a second on the Home Island, to adequately serve the Cocos Islands.

VKW is interested in obtaining a permanent community radio licence for the Cocos Islands.

The closing date for comment was 17 October 2003.

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C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 30 August and 22 September 2003. 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>
BLINKY BILL'S EXTRAORDINARY	Australia	PRC	new	16-9-2003	Yoram Gross – EM.TV Pty Ltd
BALLOON ADVENTURE (series 3)					
SCOOTER: SECRET AGENT (series 1)	Australia	CD	new	10-9-2003	Jonathan M Shiff Productions
SEASIDE HOTEL (series 1)	Australia	CD	new	9-9-2003	Yoram Gross – EM TV Pty Ltd

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