



### Proposed changes to radio services in the Remote North East Zone licence area

The ABA is proposing to make channels available for the commercial radio service 4RBL Remote North East Zone to operate at Inglewood, Stanthorpe and Texas in Queensland and to make revised technical specifications available to commercial radio service 4BRZ Remote North East Zone to operate at Inglewood and Stanthorpe.

The ABA is also proposing to make three additional community radio services available in the Remote North East Zone licence area: at Weipa, Queensland; Dunedoo, New South Wales and the Warrumbungle area of New South Wales (Coonabarabran, Coonamble and Gilgandra). It is also proposing an additional open narrowcasting service to serve the Inglewood area.

The ABA's views are contained in its revised draft variation to the licence area plan for radio for the Remote North East Zone, released on 29 October.

'Before making a final decision on these matters, the ABA is interested in receiving comments on the proposals in the draft variation,' said Professor Flint.

The revised draft variation follows consideration of further requests from Rebel Radio Network Pty Ltd (RRN), the licensee of the commercial radio services in the Remote North East Zone, for alternate technical specifications for its services in Inglewood, Stanthorpe and Texas. Submissions from aspirant community groups to make additional community radio services available in the Remote North East Zone include:

- the Cape Care Association has requested that a

community radio licence be made available to serve Weipa

- Talbragar Broadcasters Inc. has requested that a community radio licence be made available to serve Dunedoo

- and Warrumbungle Community Broadcasters Association Inc. has requested that a community radio licence be made available to serve the Warrumbungle area (Coonabarabran, Coonamble and Gilgandra).

The ABA has received a request to make a high power open narrowcasting service available in the Inglewood region.

### Applications invited for new community radio licences

The ABA is seeking applications for new community radio broadcasting licences for the Glen Innes, Lismore and Murwillumbah areas of New South Wales.

For copies of the application information booklets for Lismore, Glen Innes and Murwillumbah contact the ABA's Licensing Section on 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700.

For general information about the licences go to the ABA's web site: [www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/licence\\_types/community/alloc.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/licence_types/community/alloc.htm)

The ABA welcomes submissions on the applications received.

Lodge submissions in writing to:  
Manager Licensing, ABA, PO Box Q500,  
Queen Victoria Building NSW 1230  
or by email: [info@aba.gov.au](mailto: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

#### Closing date for comment on the proposed changes

24 November 2003.

#### For more information

A copy of the explanatory paper and draft variation is on the ABA web site at:

[www.aba.gov.au/radioservices/services/vic/warrnambool/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/radioservices/services/vic/warrnambool/index.htm)  
or tel:

Freecall 1800 810 241.

#### Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated from 25 September to 22 October 2003.

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
<b>New South Wales</b>				
Lord Howe Island RA1	Lord Howe Island Radio Station Association Inc.	100.1 MHz	22-10-2003 to 21-10-2004	21-10-2003
<b>Victoria</b>				
Mount Beauty RA1	Kiewa Valley Community Radio Association Inc.	92.5 MHz	1-11-2003 to 31-10-2004	21-10-2003
<b>Queensland</b>				
Yarraman RA1	Yarraman and District Historical Society Inc.	99.7 MHz	7-11-2003 to 6-11-2004	21-10-2003