



ABA planning publications

Book: *Making Waves - The growth of radio in Australia 1992-2002* (May 2003)



The ABA has published a record of its planning for radio services over the past decade. Using new electronic mapping and planning tools, over sixty service coverage and population maps detail the significant growth of the radio sector

as the fruit of ten years' planning. On a state by state basis, pairs of maps illustrate the increase in potential AM and FM coverage as a result of service transmitters planned in Licence Area Plans.

The book is available from the ABA for **\$20 (inc p&p)** 78pp ISBN 0 642 27055 4

CD: *Commercial and Community Licence Areas* (April 2003)



A CD-ROM publication of commercial and community licence areas is now available for purchase from the ABA. The commercial and community licence area maps, along with their

Australian Bureau of Statistics descriptions and definitions, are also available for viewing and free download from the ABA website.

The CD is available from the ABA for **\$10 (inc p&p)**.

ABA proposes amendments to technical planning guidelines

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has released proposed amendments to its Technical Planning Guidelines, which were first issued in August 1995.

"The proposed amendments provide for greater clarity in the application of the guidelines and address a number of editorial issues flowing on from previous amendments. The ABA welcomes submissions from affected and interested parties on the proposed changes," said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman.

The amendments include extensive editorial changes with the aim of achieving greater consistency between the AM and FM radio and the analog and digital television parts of the document.

Other principal changes in the draft:

- Updating of the AM, FM and analog TV emission standards.
- Clarification of start up and change of transmitter site procedures.
- Clarification of conditions under which AM and FM radio services are afforded protection from interference.
- Changes to the minimum level of service requirements (AM and FM radio, and Analog TV) to enable the ABA to exercise discretion in application of the guideline to commercial broadcasting services.
- Changes to the current signal overspill requirement to apply only to services operating away from the nominal transmitter location identified in a licence area plan or digital channel plan.
- Minor editorial corrections and clarifications to the Interference Management Scheme, which forms part of the current guidelines.

The draft amendments to the TPGs can be viewed on the ABA's website at www.aba.gov.au. Copies of the draft document can also be obtained by emailing planningreview@aba.gov.au or calling Freecall 1 800 226 667.

The closing date for submissions is 5.00pm, Friday 11 July 2003.

