



Proposed amendments to Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Handbook

The ABA is seeking comment on proposed amendments to its *Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Handbook*, which was first issued in July 1999.

The amendments are detailed in a draft revision of the handbook. The closing date for submissions is 5 pm, Friday 22 October 2004.

The *DTTB Handbook* gives the general technical assumptions to which the ABA will have regard when preparing digital channel plans under the Commercial Television Conversion and National Television Conversion schemes. It also explains the technical planning processes involved in planning of new digital television services and converting existing analog television services.

Under section 6(1) of the Commercial and National Television Conversion schemes, the ABA is required to publish a document explaining the technical assumptions to which it will have regard when considering whether the transmission of a commercial or national television broadcasting service in standard definition television digital mode will achieve the same level of coverage and potential reception quality as is achieved by the transmission of that service in analog mode. The ABA may also publish an explanation of other general technical assumptions to which it will have regard when preparing a digital channel plan under the conversion schemes.

For copies of the draft DTTB Handbook

The draft amendments to the DTTB Handbook can be viewed on the ABA's web site, or to request a copy, tel. 1 800 226 667 or email planningreview@aba.gov.au.

Applications invited for new community television licence for Lismore

The ABA invites applications for a community television broadcasting licence in Lismore. The service will transmit on UHF channel 68.

'Community television will play a valuable role in meeting local needs, providing an outlet for innovative and niche programming and opening opportunities for enthusiastic volunteers to train in television production, programming and management,' said Lyn Maddock, Acting ABA Chair.

Applicants should contact the ABA's Licensing Section on 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700 for copies of the Lismore application information booklet. General information is also available on the ABA's web site at: www.aba.gov.au/tv/licensing/community/index.htm

From Thursday, 2 December 2004, copies of all applications received will be placed on the ABA's web site at: www.aba.gov.au/tv/licensing/new_licences.htm and in the Lismore Public Library, Carrington Street, Lismore.

The ABA welcomes submissions about the applications received. Submissions should be lodged with the ABA by 5 pm on Thursday, 16 December 2004. Submissions can also be lodged via email: info@aba.gov.au.

Applications invited for new community radio licences for Dunedoo, Mackay and Yarraman

The ABA invites applications for three new community radio licences, to serve the Dunedoo area of New South Wales, and the Mackay and Yarraman areas of Queensland.

Applications for all three licences must be received before midnight on Friday, 17 September 2004. The ABA will not accept any applications lodged after the closing date.

Closing date for applications

Midnight, Thursday, 25 November 2004.

The ABA will not accept any applications lodged after this date.

Letters of support

Copies of any letters of support included with applications and subsequent support letters received by the ABA will not be displayed on the web site or in libraries but can be made available for inspection on request. Anyone who has concerns about public access to their personal details should advise the ABA to treat this information as confidential.

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 4 August and 23 August 2004.

Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA on (02) 9334 7700.

Program title	Origin	Class	New/renewal	Decision dated	Applicant
Pig's Breakfast (series 2)	Australia	CD	renewal	16.8.2004	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd

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