



operate at this maximum power. The ABA recognises that it is unlikely that the community television service would be able to operate at the higher ERP in the medium term, but is proposing to vary the specification of the community television service to allow it to do so should it be achievable in the future.

Those wishing to comment on the proposal can do so by 17 September 2004. The draft variation to the Adelaide analog television licence area plan, with an explanatory paper, is available from the ABA's web site or tel. 1800 226 667 241. ☞

## Changes to Rockhampton and Gladstone radio services proposed

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available for new and improved services in the Rockhampton/Gladstone area of Queensland.

The ABA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available for the Rockhampton commercial radio services 4RO, 4RGK and 4ROK at Biloela. The licensees have requested an extension to these services to enable them to resolve reception deficiencies in Biloela. The ABA is also proposing to make FM channel capacity available for the Rockhampton commercial radio service 4CC at Agnes Water. This additional FM channel capacity has been planned for 4CC by the ABA under the Commercial Radio Blackspots Program.

The ABA is also proposing to make FM channel capacity available to the ABC in Rockhampton and Gladstone for future national radio services.

'This is part of the ABA's ongoing commitment to reserve channel capacity for the possible future provision of the full range of ABC radio services to communities or regional transmission areas with a population of 10 000 people or more,' said Ms Maddock.

The proposals are contained in the draft variation to the Rockhampton/Gladstone radio licence area plan.

### Closing date for comment

The closing date for comment on the additional proposals is 24 September 2004. The draft variation to the Rockhampton/Gladstone radio licence area plan with an explanatory paper are available from the ABA's web site or tel. 1800 226 667. ☞

## Channels for digital TV in far north Queensland

The ABA has released proposals to allot and assign channels for digital television repeater services at Atherton, Cardwell, Herberton, Mareeba, Mission Beach, Mossman, Port Douglas, Ravenshoe, Redlynch, Smithfield Heights, Trinity Beach, Tully and Wagnetti, Queensland.

The proposals are contained in a discussion paper and draft variation to the Regional Queensland digital channel plans. The closing date for submissions is 5 pm, 24 September 2004.

The discussion paper and draft variation to digital channel plans for Queensland: Part 2 – Regional Queensland are on the ABA web site, or tel. 1800 226 667.

## Vision 20/20 project

The Australian Communications Authority is calling for comment on its preliminary report, *Vision 20/20: Future Scenarios for the Communications Industry – Implications for Regulation*. The project aims to develop future scenarios for the communications industry and identify regulatory implications.

According to the report, the most difficult regulatory challenge for the communications sector is increased complexity in an uncertain, dynamic and global environment. An open, networked system of regulatory cooperation and participation will be needed at both the local and international level, together with regulatory skills to deal with uncertainty, track drivers of change and emerging issues, and share insights.

The project participants include industry, government agencies (including the ABA), research institutions, and community and consumer groups.

Visit the ACA web site, <http://vision2020.aca.gov.au/asp/options.asp> or contact the ACA's Futures Panel. To see the report, go to [www.aca.gov.au/aca\\_home/vision\\_2020/preliminary\\_report/preliminary\\_report\\_overview.htm](http://www.aca.gov.au/aca_home/vision_2020/preliminary_report/preliminary_report_overview.htm). ☞

### Closing date

The closing date for comment on the preliminary report, *Vision 20/20: Future Scenarios for the Communications Industry – Implications for Regulation*, is Friday, 17 September 2004.

## New on the web ([www.aba.gov.au](http://www.aba.gov.au))

In addition to the news releases which are listed on the ABA's home page, [www.aba.gov.au](http://www.aba.gov.au), the following items have been added to the site:

- ABA Update July 2004: [www.aba.gov.au/abanews/aba\\_update/current.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/abanews/aba_update/current.htm)
- new employment opportunities in Canberra & Sydney offices: [www.aba.gov.au/recruitment/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/recruitment/index.htm)
- New licensed community broadcasters: [www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/community.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/community.htm)
- New licensed open narrowcasters list: [www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/narrowcasting.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/narrowcasting.htm)
- new remote licence area locality maps: [www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/planning/lic\\_area/about\\_las.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/planning/lic_area/about_las.htm) ☞