



News Update

Proposed changes to digital television repeater services on the New South Wales south coast

The ABA has released draft proposals to change the digital television repeater services at Ulladulla and Batemans Bay/Moruya on the south coast of NSW.

The draft variation includes proposals to:

- change the digital channel assignments at Batemans Bay/Moruya to assign channel 66 to Prime and make channel 58 unassigned
- allow an increase in power from 20 kW to 40 kW for the three commercial digital television services at Ulladulla (Prime on channel 49, Southern Cross on channel 46 and WIN on channel 52) and
- allow an increase in power from 500 W to 2 kW for the WIN digital television service on channel 10 at Batemans Bay.

An analysis of the proposals is contained in a discussion paper and draft variation to the commercial NSW – South Coast digital channel plan, available on the ABA web site: www.aba.gov.au/tv/digitaltv/planning/nsw/index.htm, or tel. 1800 226 667.

The closing date for submissions is 5 pm, 19 November 2004. ☒

Proposed channels for digital television repeater services in north west Tasmania

The ABA has released proposals to allot and assign channels for digital television repeater services at Barrington Valley, Burnie, East Devonport, Lileah, Meander, Penguin, Port Sorell, Smithton, Ulverstone, Waratah and Wynyard, Tasmania.

The proposals are contained in a discussion paper and draft variation to the Tasmania – North West Tasmania digital channel plans.

'In releasing these proposals, the ABA weighed up a number of important factors. These include the aim of spectrum efficiency, the need to minimise any changes that viewers will have to make to their existing reception equipment to receive digital broadcasts and the desirability of broadcasters being able to use their existing infrastructure to broadcast their digital television services,' said Giles Tanner, ABA Acting Member and General Manager.

The discussion paper and draft variation to digital channel plans for Tasmania – North West Tasmania are available on the ABA web site: www.aba.gov.au/tv/digitaltv/planning/tas/index.htm or tel. 1800 226 667.

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Temporary community broadcasting licences allocated

Allocated from 20 September to 27 October 2004

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
New South Wales				
Braidwood RA1	Braidwood FM Inc.	94.5 MHz	1.5.2004 to 21.11.2004*	27.10.2004
Gosford RA1	Radio Yesteryear Inc.	94.9 MHz	1.10.2004 to 22.10.2004	28.9.2004
Lithgow RA2	Lithgow Community Broadcasters Inc.	90.5 MHz	1.7.2004 to 15.10.2004*	24.9.2004
Lord Howe Island RA1	Lord Howe Island Radio Station Association Inc.	100.1 MHz	22.10.2004 to 21.10.2005	24.9.2004
Tumut RA1	Montreal Community Theatre Inc.	96.3 MHz	1.2.2004 to 15.10.2004*	24.9.2004
Victoria				
Mt Beauty RA1	Kiewa Valley Community Radio Association Inc.	92.5 MHz	1.11.2004 to 28.2.2005	24.9.2004

* Licence period extended

