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area plan as it relates to the proposed Port Stephens translators.

The explanatory paper and draft variation to the Newcastle radio licence area plan is available from <http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/nsw/newcastle/index.htm> or tel:1800 226 667. The closing date for submissions is 5 pm, Friday 17 December 2004.

Revised draft variation to Wagga Wagga radio licence area plan

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available for new and improved services in the Wagga Wagga region.

The ABA has identified channel capacity which is proposed to be made available for a higher power open narrowcasting service in Wagga Wagga. The draft licence area plan also proposes technical specifications for the 2AAA service for operation at an alternate site, which the ABA believes will resolve reception difficulties for the service.

The proposals are contained in the revised draft variation to the Wagga Wagga radio licence area plan, available from the ABA's web site <http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/nsw/wagga/index.htm>.

The closing date for comment is 10 December 2004.

Draft variation to Warragul radio licence area plan

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available for the commercial radio service 3SEA Warragul at Traralgon, Victoria to rectify reception deficiencies in the Traralgon and Morwell area.

These areas are in an overlap between the Warragul and Sale commercial radio licence areas.

The ABA proposes to make 97.9 MHz on the FM band available for a transmitter at Tyers that would operate at a maximum ERP of 500W

towards Morwell and Traralgon with a maximum 50W towards Sale to minimise overspill.

The ABA's proposal will not only rectify the reception deficiencies but also limit signal overspill to acceptable levels into parts of the Sale commercial radio licence area that are not located within the overlap region.

The proposal is contained in the draft variation to the Warragul radio licence area plan, available from the ABA's web site, <http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/vic/warragul/index.htm>.

The closing date for comment is 17 December 2004.

Changes proposed to radio services at Biloela

The ABA is proposing a power increase for the proposed new commercial radio services at Biloela, Queensland.

In August 2004, the ABA proposed to make FM channel capacity available for the commercial radio services 4RO, 4RGK and 4ROK Rockhampton at Biloela. The ABA has performed further engineering analysis and has revised the proposed technical specifications for the Biloela commercial radio services, so they would operate with an effective radiated power of 50W instead of the 10W previously proposed.

The previous proposals of making FM channel capacity available for the Rockhampton commercial radio service 4CC at Angas Water and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) in Rockhampton and Gladstone for future national radio services, remain unchanged.

The ABA also proposes to vary the technical specifications of the community radio 4RGL Gladstone service to reflect a change of transmitter site from Radar Hill to Round Hill.

The closing date for comment on the additional proposals was 3 December 2004. The revised draft variation to the Rockhampton/Gladstone radio licence area plan with an explanatory paper are available from the ABA's web site, http://www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/qld/rockhampton_gladstone/index.htm.

Licence area plans

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Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated in the period 28 October to 19 November 2004.

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
Victoria				
Walwa/Jingellic RA1	Upper Murray Community Radio Inc.	88.7MHz & 107.7 MHz	12.12.2004 – 11.5.2005	15.11.2004