



Radio Services in Cowra and Cootamundra

The Australian Broadcasting Authority has changed the technical specifications of the translator services for the Young commercial radio service 2LFF to operate in Cowra and Cootamundra. The services will continue to operate on 99.5 MHz and 107.7 MHz, respectively.

The ABA's decisions are contained in the varied licence area plan for Young.

"The ABA has taken into account the views of those who made submissions before reaching its decision," said Professor Flint.

The technical specifications of the two translator services of the commercial radio service 2LFF Young are changed to operate as follows:

- 99.5 MHz from Bellevue Hill Lookout, Cowra with a maximum ERP of 50 W (Omnidirectional with mixed polarisation)
- 107.7 MHz from the Shire Saleyards off Olympic Highway, Cootamundra with a maximum ERP of 100 W (Omnidirectional with mixed polarisation).

The ABA determined the licence area population of the Young and Goulburn commercial and community radio broadcasting services using 1996 Census figures on December 2001. The licences have been redefined using 2001 Census figures.

Draft variation to Burnie radio licence area plan

The Australian Broadcasting Authority is proposing to vary the technical operating conditions of commercial radio service 7SEA Burnie to allow an increase in power from 8 kW to 20 kW.

The ABA is also proposing to make additional channel capacity available in the FM band in the identified Smithton/St Stanley radio blackspot on 94.5 MHz.

The proposals are contained in the draft variation to the Burnie radio licence area plan released today for public comment.

"The ABA's proposals follow consideration of a request from the licensee of 7SEA, RG Capital Ltd, to enable it to operate at full power to resolve reception deficiencies in the region," said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman.

The additional FM channel capacity has been planned by the ABA under the Commercial Radio Blackspots Program. This program is an Australian Government initiative which will provide \$5 million over three years to deliver new or improved commercial radio services to regional and remote communities where it has not been commercially viable for licensees to provide coverage. The program will ensure that greater access to commercial radio services is provided to a large number of people located in regional and remote Australia.

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The licence area plans for Young radio services are on the ABA web site: www.aba.gov.au/radio/ or phone: Freecall 1800 810 241.

Closing date

Please submit any comments you may have about the proposals for Burnie radio licence area by Thursday 18 March 2004.

For copies

The explanatory paper and draft variation to the Burnie radio licence area plan are on the ABA web site: www.aba.gov.au/radio/ or phone: Freecall 1800 810 241.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated from 21 January 2004 to 13 February 2004.

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
New South Wales				
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour Christian Broadcasters Inc.	94.1 MHz	01-03-2004 to 28-02-2005	09-02-2004
Glen Innes	Deepwater & Districts Community FM Radio Inc	105.9 MHz	17-02-2004 to 16-02-2005	10-02-2004
Murwillumbah	Heartland Opry Group Inc.	101.3 MHz	01-11-2003 to 13-03-2004	28-01-2004*
Tumut	Montreal Community Theatre Inc.	96.3 MHz	01-02-2004 to 30-06-2004	14-01-2004
Queensland				
Esk	Brisbane River Valley Broadcasters Inc.	95.9 MHz	12-06-2004 to 11-09-2004	10-02-2004
Mossman	4CCC Coral Coast Country Community Radio Inc.	100.1 MHz	01-02-2004 to 31-01-2005	30-01-2004
South Australia				
Roxby Downs	5Rox 98 FM Community Radio Inc.	105.5 MHz	11-01-2004 to 14-06-2004	08-01-2004
Victoria				
Melbourne (Kilmore)	Mitchell Community Radio Inc.	97.1 MHz	13-02-2004 to 12-02-2005	05-02-2004
Western Australia				
Perth	Western Sports Media Inc.	90.5 MHz	05-02-2004 to 08-03-2004	04-02-2004
Perth	Capital Community Radio Inc.	90.5 MHz	05-02-2004 to 08-03-2004	04-02-2004

* Licence period varied. Original expiry date 31/1/2004.