



Closing date for submissions

16 April 2004

FM channel proposed for 2LM in Kyogle

The ABA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available for the Lismore commercial AM radio service, 2LM in Kyogle, NSW.

'The ABA's proposal follows consideration of a request from the licensee of 2LM, Richmond River Broadcasters Pty Ltd, to enable it to resolve reception deficiencies in the region,' said Professor Flint.

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.

In addition the ABA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available to the ABC in Lismore for a future national radio service.

'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 Professor Flint.

The proposals are contained in the draft variation to the Lismore radio licence area plan released for public comment. Those wishing to comment on the additional proposals can do so by 16 April 2004.

The draft variation to the Lismore radio licence area plan with an explanatory paper are available from the ABA's web site or by tel: 1800 810 241.

What's new on the ABA's web site

Recent additions to the ABA web site include:

New:

- program for the ABA Conference 2004 www.aba.gov.au/conf04/program
- *Broadcasting Planning Manual* includes
 - *Technical Planning Guidelines*
 - *Broadcast Planning Instructions*
 - *Technical Planning Parameters and Methods for Terrestrial Broadcasting*
 - *The ABA's General Approach to Analog Planning*
 - *The ABA's General Approach to Digital Terrestrial Television Planning*
 - *Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Planning Handbook*www.aba.gov.au/broadcasters/planning/bpm
- Speeches on broadcasting rights www.aba.gov.au/abanews/speeches/bcating_info
 - Regulating Australia Now and in the Future*, address by Professor Flint to the National Radio Summit, 22 March 2004
 - Regulating Broadcasting Networks and Digital Infrastructure – an update*, address by Professor Flint to the Australian Broadcasting Summit, 17 March 2004
 - Mobile Telecommunications – New Regulatory Challenge*, address by Professor Flint to the Australian Telecommunications Users Group 2004, 4 March 2004
- proposed variation to the Australian Content Standard www.aba.gov.au/tv/content/ozcont/proposed
- Form ABA 66 www.aba.gov.au/forms



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- Form ABA 14 www.aba.gov.au/forms



C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 18 February and 15 March 2004. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

Program title	Origin	Class.	New/renewal	Decision dated	Applicant
Blue Water High (Series 1)	Australia	PRC	new	23.2.2004	Southern Star Entertainment
Faireez (Series 1)	Australia	PRC	new	18.2.2004	Moody Street Kids Pty Ltd

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