




News Update

The closing date for comment was 23 April 2004. The draft variation to the Emerald radio licence area plan along with an explanatory paper are on the ABA's web site or tel. 1800 810 241 for a copy. 

Additional transmitters proposed for Mackay radio services


The ABA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available for the Mackay commercial radio services 4MKY in Glenden and 4MMK in Nebo and Clairview/St Lawrence, Queensland.

'The ABA's proposals follow consideration of a request from the licensee of the services, DMG Regional Radio, 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.

The ABA also proposes to make FM channel capacity available to the ABC in Mackay 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 in the draft variation to the Mackay radio licence area plan. The closing date for comment was 23 April 2004. 


FM channel proposed for 4AMM at Ravenshoe

The ABA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available for the Atherton commercial

radio service 4AMM in Ravenshoe, Queensland.

'The ABA's proposal follows consideration of a request from the licensee, Tablelands Broadcasting Pty Ltd, to enable it to resolve reception deficiencies in the area,' said Professor Flint.

The additional FM channel capacity has been planned by the ABA under the Commercial Radio Blackspots Program.

The proposals are contained in the draft variation to the Atherton radio licence area plan released for public comment. The closing date for comment on the additional proposals was 23 April 2004. The draft variation to the Atherton radio licence area plan along with an explanatory paper are on the ABA's web site or tel. 1800 810 241 for a copy. 

AFTRS and IT Skills Hub address iTV training needs

The Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) and IT Skills Hub have joined forces to create a national training initiative designed for the rapidly emerging digital interactive television (iTV) industry and related services.

The Interactive Television Skills Advisory Group (ITSAG) has been formed and their first step is a move towards a nationwide scoping study to identify specific training requirements.

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For copies of the draft

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Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated from 16 March to 27 April 2004.

<i>Area served</i>	<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Date allocated</i>
New South Wales				
Gosford	Radio Yesteryear Inc.	94.9 MHz	1.4.2004 to 31.5.2004	19.3.2004
Lismore	North Coast Radio Inc.	92.9 MHz	1.4.2004 to 30.9.2004	26.3.2004
Braidwood	Braidwood FM Inc.	94.5 MHz	1.5.2004 to 31.7.2004	8.4.2004
Northern Territory				
Alice Springs	Charles Darwin University	102.1 MHz	20.3.2004 to 19.3.2005	18.3.2004
Tasmania				
Oatlands	Southern Midlands Community Radio Station	97.1 MHz	5.5.2004 to 4.5.2005	8.4.2004 