



Recent planning decisions

Technical changes to Sydney community television service

The ABA has decided to vary the technical specifications of the community television service in Sydney.

'The ABA's decision follows a request from the licensee, Television Sydney Limited, to operate at a higher power to that determined in the Sydney licence area plan,' said Ms Maddock.

The decision to allow the service to operate on UHF channel 31 from Artarmon, with a maximum effective radiated power (ERP) of 850 kW, is contained in the variation to the Sydney analog television licence area plan.

In March 2004, the ABA allocated the Sydney community television licence to Television Sydney Limited. The licensee has requested to operate the service with a maximum ERP of 560 kW.

The ABA has assessed the use of channel 31 at a maximum ERP of 850 kW, equivalent to that of the existing SBS UHF television service, and determined that it is possible for the service to operate at this maximum power. The ABA recognises that it is unlikely that the community television service would be able to operate at the higher 850 kW ERP in the medium term, but is proposing to vary the specification of the community television service to allow it to do so should it be achievable in the future.

The variation to the Sydney analog television licence area plan is available from the ABA's website, www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/nsw/sydney/index.htm or tel. 1800 226 667. □

Improved radio services for Wagga Wagga, NSW

The ABA has decided to make channel capacity available to improve a range of radio services in the Wagga Wagga region of New South Wales.

The ABA has made FM 103.1 MHz available at Tumut for the existing commercial FM service 2WZD Wagga Wagga, and FM 100.7 MHz available for 2WG Wagga Wagga, to operate at Gundagai.

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

The ABA has also:

- made FM channel capacity available to the ABC in the South West Slopes/Eastern Riverina area for a future national radio service providing coverage to the region

- increased the power of the community radio service in Tumut from 10 W to 20 W
- made technical specifications available to allow the existing community radio service 2AAA to relocate its transmitter site in the future to alleviate reception difficulties in the 2AAA coverage area
- made FM channel capacity available for a high power (10kW) open narrowcasting radio service at Wagga Wagga. This service will be allocated at some time in the future using a price based allocation system.
- The ABA's decisions are contained in the variation to the Wagga Wagga licence area plan, available from the ABA's website, www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/nsw/wagga_wagga/index.htm, or tel. 1800 226 667. □



Changes to community radio service in Bega, NSW

The ABA has decided to change the transmitter site and operating conditions of the community radio service 2BAR Bega.

The ABA has also decided to extend the licence area of the 2BAR service to include the areas of Cadelo, Bermagui and Tura Beach.

'The changes to the 2BAR service will allow it to improve coverage of its service to areas within the licence area and also provide a service to Cadelo, Bermagui and Tura Beach, which have not had access to

community radio services in the past,' said Ms Maddock.

The 2BAR service will operate from Dr George Mountain, with an effective radiated power of 1 kW (Directional). 2BAR is currently operating from Dr Georges Mountain under a test transmission licence.

The ABA's decisions are contained in the variation to the Bega licence area plan, available from the ABA's website, www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/nsw/bega/index.htm or tel. 1800 226 667. □

Improved commercial radio services for Traralgon and Morwell, Vic

The ABA has decided to make channel capacity available for improved commercial radio services in Traralgon and Morwell, Victoria.

The ABA has made FM channel capacity available for the 3SEA Warragul commercial radio service on 97.9 MHz at Tyers-Walhalla Road, Tyers to rectify reception deficiencies in

the Traralgon and Morwell areas.

The ABA's decision is contained in the variation to the Warragul licence area. The variation to the Warragul radio licence area plan is available from the ABA's website, www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/vic/warragul/index.htm or tel. 1800 226 667. □

New and improved radio services for Rockhampton/Gladstone area, Qld

The ABA has decided to make channel capacity available for new and improved services in the Rockhampton/Gladstone area of Queensland.

'The ABA's decisions follow consideration of requests from the licensees of existing services in the Rockhampton/Gladstone area for improvements to their services,' said Ms Maddock.

The ABA has decided to make:

- FM channel capacity available for the Rockhampton commercial radio services 4RO, 4RGK and 4ROK at Biloela. The licensees have requested an extension to these services to enable them to resolve reception deficiencies in Biloela
- FM channel capacity available for the Rockhampton commercial radio service 4CC at Agnes Water. This additional FM channel capacity has been planned for 4CC by the ABA under the Commercial Radio Blackspots Program, and

- FM channel capacity available to the ABC in Rockhampton and Gladstone for future national radio services.

The decisions are contained in the variation to the Rockhampton/Gladstone radio licence area plan available from the ABA's website, www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/services/qld/rockhampton_Gladstone/index.htm or tel. 1800 226 667. □

