Applications invited for new community radio licence for Sanctuary Point, NSW

The ABA has invited applications for a new community radio broadcasting licence for the Sanctuary Point area of NSW.

'Following the variation of the Nowra radio licence area plan in November 2004, the ABA is pleased to commence the allocation of a community radio licence for Sanctuary Point,' said Ms Maddock. 'The ABA's planning process identified a demand for a new community service operated by people living in the Sanctuary Point area of NSW.'

Applicants should contact the ABA's Licensing Section on 1800 226 667 or (02) 9334 7700 for copies of the Sanctuary Point application information booklet. General information is also available on the ABA's website at: www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/licence_types/community/index.htm

Applications for the licence must be received before midnight on Wednesday 27 April 2005. From Wednesday 4 May 2005 copies of all applications received will be placed for public perusal on the ABA's website at: www.aba.gov.au/radio/services/index.htm.

Copies of all applications received will also be made available for public perusal in the Sanctuary Point Public Library.

The ABA welcomes written submissions from members of the public in relation to the applications received. Submissions should be lodged with the ABA by 5 pm, Wednesday 11 May 2005 and may be lodged via email to info@aba.gov.au.

Copies of any letters of support included with applications and subsequent support letters

received by the ABA will not be displayed on the website or in libraries but will be made available for inspection on request. Anyone who has concerns about public access to their personal details should advise the ABA to treat this information as confidential. Closing date for applications: 27 April 2005

Closing date for submissions on applications: 11 May 2005

Proposal to increase power for Brisbane community TV

The ABA is proposing to allow the Brisbane community television service to operate at increased power, and to make alternative channel capacity available to the Network Ten TVQ analog service at the Sunshine Coast.

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

The proposals to allow the Brisbane community television licensee to operate on channel 31 from Mount Coot-tha, with a maximum effective radiated power (ERP) of 710 kW, and to make available alternative channel capacity available for the TVQ analog service at the Sunshine Coast on channel 57 are contained in the draft variation to the Brisbane analog television licence area plan released for public comment.

In November 2002, the ABA reserved channel capacity for a community television service in Brisbane, to operate from a nominal site of Mount Coot-tha with a maximum ERP of 100 kW. This is the power level that the Brisbane television trials had been conducted on.

In July 2004, the ABA allocated a licence to Briz31 Limited to provide a Brisbane community television service. The licensee has requested to operate the service with a maximum ERP of 710

Temporary community broadcasting licences Allocated from 18 February to 18 March 2005 Area served Licensee Frequency Period Date allocated Western Australia Perth RA2 Capital Community Radio Inc. 90 5 MHz 21.3.2005 to 20.3.2006 16.3.2005 Perth RA2 Western Sports Media Inc. 90.5 MHz 21.3.2005 to 20.3.2006 16.3.2005 **Northern Territory** Alice Springs RA28CCC Community Radio Inc.102.1 MHz (Alice Springs) 19.3.2005 to 18.6.2005 14.3.2005 and 102.1 MHz (Tennant Creek)

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