



Australian programs	Australian drama	Australian documentary	Australian children's C drama		Australian children's C programs	Children's C programs	Australian preschool P programs
run measure	all % 6am-12mn	first release (total annual score)	first release (total annual hrs)	repeat (total annual hours)	first release (total annual hours—includes C drama)	all (total annual hours—all C programs)	all (total annual hours)
Minimum annual requirement	55%	250 hrs	20 hours	25 hours	130 hours	260 hours	130 hours
Seven licensees							
SAS Adelaide	56.89	204.92	370.92	40.48	33.00	52.13	133.00
BTQ Brisbane	56.69	204.78	370.63	40.97	33.00	52.63	132.50
HSV Melbourne	57.04	204.97	371.16	41.98	33.00	52.13	132.50
TWV Perth	57.45	204.90	370.87	40.97	33.00	51.12	133.00
ATN Sydney	56.09	204.93	370.98	33.98	33.00	52.13	132.50
Nine licensees							
QTQ Brisbane	64.25	97.68	301.93	20.00	32.00	57.50	131.50
GTV Melbourne	62.01	97.60	301.67	20.00	32.00	57.50	131.50
TCN Sydney	62.82	97.60	301.67	20.00	32.00	58.00	131.50
Ten licensees							
ADS Adelaide	56.52	154.92	255.17	21.00	32.50	50.50	132.50
TVQ Brisbane	55.90	154.92	255.17	21.00	32.50	50.50	132.50
ATV Melbourne	56.59	153.92	252.17	21.00	32.50	50.50	132.50
NEW Perth	56.54	154.92	255.17	21.00	32.50	50.50	132.50
TEN Sydney	55.84	154.92	255.17	21.00	32.50	50.50	132.50

Technical changes to Brisbane television services

The ABA has decided to allow Brisbane community television service Briz31 to operate with an increased maximum effective radiated power (ERP) of 710 kW, and to make channel 57 available for TVQ's analog service at the Sunshine Coast.

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

In the Brisbane television licence area plan, released 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 at which the Brisbane community television trials had been conducted.

The decisions are contained in the variation to the Brisbane analog television licence area plan, available from the ABA's website, www.aba.gov.au or by tel: 1800 226 667.



Recent planning decisions

Remote area radio services at Mount Tamborine, Queensland

The ABA has decided not to vary the technical operating conditions of the commercial radio services 4RBL and 4BRZ Remote North East Zone at Mount Tamborine, Queensland.

'After weighing up the competing considerations with regard to the remote area radio services at Mount Tamborine, the ABA has decided not to alter the technical specifications of these services as requested by the licensee, Rebel FM,' said Ms Maddock.

'The ABA does not consider that the additional overspill of the services into the Gold Coast market that would result from the changes can be justified,' said Ms Maddock.

The licensee, Rebel FM Stereo Pty Ltd, had sought modifications to the maximum transmitting power in certain directions incorporating an increase in the antenna height for these services.

There are credible arguments that the signal strength of Rebel FM's services in its licence area to the west of Mount Tamborine should be at least as good as the fortuitous signals from the commercial radio services li-

censed to serve the adjacent Gold Coast area. However, the population in the Gold Coast licence area that would receive a fortuitous signal if the modified technical specifications were used would vastly outnumber the population covered in the Mount Tamborine part of Rebel FM's licence area.

The ABA has decided to make FM channel capacity available for the 4RBL FM service at Barrington and Coomba Park/Stroud on 97.7 MHz and 94.1 MHz respectively. The ABA also decided to make FM channel capacity available in the Coomba Park/Stroud area for Rebel FM's second commercial radio service, 4BRZ, on 93.1 MHz.

These decisions are contained in a variation to the licence area plan for radio services in the Remote Central and Eastern Australia licence area.

For copies of the licence area plan

The variation to the licence area plan for radio services in the Remote Central and Eastern Australia licence area is available from the ABA website, at www.aba.gov.au or tel: 1800 226 667. ☐

Channels for digital television repeater services in north west Tasmania

The ABA's variation to the digital channel plans for the north west region of Tasmania include the allotment and assignment of channels for digital television repeater services at Barrington Valley, Burnie, East Devonport, Lileah, Meander, Penguin, Port Sorell, Smithton, Ulverstone, Waratah and Wynyard.

The plans set out the channels the existing commercial and national television broadcasters will use for their digital transmissions. The ABA has also identified as yet unassigned channels that may be used for other purposes, including datacasting.

'In finalising these plans the ABA weighed up a number of

important factors. These include the aim of spectrum efficiency, the need to minimise any changes that viewers will have to make to their existing reception equipment to receive digital broadcasts and the desirability of broadcasters being able to use their existing transmission facilities to broadcast digital television services,' said Ms Maddock.

For copies of the plans

An explanatory paper, which discusses issues raised in submissions, and the variation to the digital channel plans for Tasmania (North West region) are available on the ABA's web site at www.aba.gov.au or tel: 1800 226 667. ☐