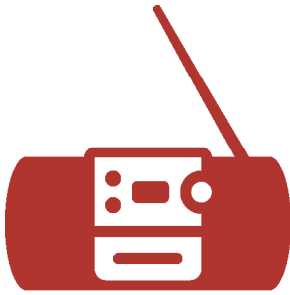


New community radio service proposed for Oatlands, Tasmania



ACMA is seeking public comment on a proposal to make a new community radio service available at Oatlands, Tasmania. The proposal is contained in an explanatory paper and draft licence area plan.

'Before reaching a final decision, ACMA is interested in receiving comments on the proposal to make channel capacity available for a local community radio service at Oatlands,' said Lyn Maddock,

Acting ACMA Chair.

Oatlands is 60 km north of Hobart, outside the licence area of the Hobart commercial and community radio services, and reception of these services at Oatlands is considered fortuitous. Mid FM, an aspirant community radio group at Oatlands has been operating on a temporary community broadcasting licence since May 2003 and has been providing a general format service.

Those wishing to comment on the proposal can do so by 9 September 2005. A copy of the explanatory paper and draft licence area plan is available on the ACMA website, www.acma.gov.au (and go to Latest > Draft documents > Broadcasting > Draft Licence area plans (LAPs)) or contact ACMA on telephone 1800 810 241. Closing date: 9 September 2005.

Changes proposed to commercial radio services in remote central and eastern Australia licence area

ACMA is seeking comments on proposals to vary the technical specifications of commercial radio services in areas of remote New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria.

The proposals are contained in an explanatory paper and draft variation to the radio licence area plan for Remote Central and Eastern Australia.

ACMA is proposing to vary the technical specifications of the 8SAT Remote Central Zone commercial radio service (Freshstream FM) at seventeen transmitter sites and to vary technical specifications of the 4RBL Remote North East Zone commercial radio service (Rebel FM) at five transmitter sites.

The areas affected by the proposed changes to the 8SAT service are Bourke, NSW;

Jabiru, Northern Territory; Ceduna/Smoky Bay, Coober Pedy, Coonalpyn, Kapunda, Karoonda, Kingscote, Kingston SE, Maitland, Minlaton, Padthaway East, Pinnaroo, Roxby Downs, Streaky Bay and Woomera, South Australia; and Lake Mountain, Victoria.

The areas affected by the proposed changes to the 4RBL service are Chinchilla, Dirranbandi, Taroom, Wandoan and Weipa, Queensland.

The proposals include increases in maximum effective radiated power, change of transmitter sites, frequency changes, changes to antenna height and radiation patterns. These proposals follow consideration of requests from the licensees of the 8SAT and 4RBL services, W & L Phillips Pty Ltd and Rebel Radio

Network.

In addition, ACMA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available for a second commercial radio service, 4BRZ (Breeze) at Bourke on 107.3 MHz, Chinchilla (97.1 MHz) and Weipa (97.7 MHz). Rebel Radio Network had expressed interest in providing the 4BRZ service to these areas.

Those wishing to comment on the proposals can do so by 30 September 2005. A copy of the explanatory paper and draft variation to the licence area plan is available on the ACMA website, www.acma.gov.au (and go to Latest > Draft documents > Broadcasting > Draft Licence area plans (LAPs)) or contact ACMA on telephone 1800 810 241.

Closing date: 20 September 2005.