

ACMA's online numbering system (NUMB) is a new one-stop shop for managing Australian telephone numbers. Numbers can be applied for, transferred and surrendered online, and all or part of the NUMB records can be downloaded by carriage service providers.

Applications for numbers can now be managed online, and the system is flexible enough to allow carriage service providers to withdraw or modify existing applications.

Online applications for telephone numbers are generally cheaper. All applications are charged at a fixed rate of \$110, with an additional variable charge per block depending on whether the application is online (\$13.75) or paper (\$30.25).

Carriage service providers can also manage existing allocations of numbers online, transfer numbers to other providers, or surrender them to

ACMA. No application charges apply to transfers or surrenders.

NUMB also offers service providers and customer equipment reprogrammers greater access to current and accurate information on telephone numbers. All, or any subset, of the numbers in NUMB are available to download, and registration is not required.

TO REGISTER

Carriage service providers must pre-register for NUMB. They must have an Australian Business Number Digital Signature Certificate (obtainable from accredited organisations), a user name and password to submit documents requiring action.

To register with NUMB, visit the ACMA website at <http://web.acma.gov.au/numb/login.do> and select the link 'Register' or email numbering@acma.gov.au.

Online number management benefits industry



Licence conditions **imposed** on Muswellbrook community radio service

ACMA has decided to impose additional conditions on the licence of community radio broadcasting service Mt Helen FM. Mt Helen FM broadcasts in the Muswellbrook area of New South Wales on 101.7 MHz.

The imposition of additional conditions on Mt Helen FM's licence is intended to assist it to increase community participation in the service and ensure that it complies with the

requirements for a community radio broadcaster.

The conditions are designed to improve Mt Helen FM's financial capacity, management capacity and access and participation at the station.

Mt Helen FM's community broadcasting licence was renewed on 27 October 2004 for five years. However, the licensee was advised at the time of renewal that additional

conditions may be imposed on its licence to address concerns identified during the renewal process. The concerns related to access and participation by members of the community in the operations and programming of the service, and the capacity of the licensee to continue to provide the service, including matters of corporate governance.

'ACMA hopes that the

imposition of the conditions will provide the community living in the Muswellbrook licence area with an accessible service that meets their needs and is also accountable to the community,' said Lyn Maddock, Acting ACMA Chair.

Mt Helen FM was provided with an opportunity to respond to the additional conditions prior to ACMA deciding to impose them on its licence.