

Remedial directions issued to 2YYY

ACMA has issued remedial directions to Lambing Flat Community Broadcasting Inc., holder of a temporary community radio broadcasting licence in Young, New South Wales and licensee of community radio station 2YYY.

After receiving a complaint in January 2007, in May 2007 ACMA found that the licensee:

- was in breach of the licence condition requiring it to encourage community participation and
- had breached the licence condition requiring it not to broadcast sponsorship announcements for

more than five minutes in each hour during certain periods on 14 January 2007.

ACMA considers it necessary to take enforcement action because the licensee's response to the breach findings did not satisfy ACMA that the licensee would comply with the relevant licence conditions in the future.

Lambing Flat Community Broadcasting was directed to ensure it complies with the licence conditions it has breached by:

- holding regular committee of management meetings

- establishing a programming committee
- regularly broadcasting announcements encouraging community participation, and establishing procedures to ensure the sponsorship announcement time limit is adhered to.

Lambing Flat Community Broadcasting must report to ACMA on its compliance with the remedial directions every three months for the next 12 months.

Failure to comply with remedial directions may result in ACMA taking further enforcement action against

the licensee, including suspending or cancelling the licence.

ACMA has a range of enforcement powers available to it when it determines that licence conditions are not being met. The power to issue remedial directions is one of the new enforcement powers conferred on ACMA from 5 February 2007.

Guidelines relating to ACMA's enforcement powers, the report on ACMA's investigation and full details of the remedial directions issued to Lambing Flat Community Broadcasting are all on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au.

Armidale community radio licence not renewed

ACMA has not renewed the community radio broadcasting licence held by Armidale Community Radio Co-Operative Ltd since 1976, which broadcast as radio 2ARM FM 92.1. The licence expired at midnight on 3 October 2007. The licensee's service was the only community radio service serving Armidale and surrounding towns.

ACMA made the 92.1 MHz spectrum available for temporary community broadcasting to support the continuation of community broadcasting in this licence area and the licensee was invited to apply.

In considering whether to renew the licence, ACMA had significant concerns about whether the licensee's service met the needs of

the general community in the Armidale licence area and that the licensee had not satisfactorily identified and monitored the community's needs. ACMA was also concerned about the licensee's management capacity and whether its governing rules adversely affect its ability to encourage members to participate in its operations, and

select and provide programming.

Encouraging members of the community to participate is a key obligation of community broadcasters.

Community broadcasting licences are issued for five years. ACMA can review a community broadcasting licence at the time it is due for renewal.

Children's and preschool programs granted classification, September 2007

Program title	Series	Episode description	Program style	Program type	Country of origin	New/renewal	Class	Decision date	Applicant
<i>As The Bell Rings</i>	1	1-40	Live Action	Drama – Series	Australia	New	CD	18/09/07	Fremantle Media Pty Ltd
<i>Don't Blame Me</i>	1	1-26	Live Action	Drama – Series	Australia	Renewal	CD	25/09/07	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
<i>Groovedelicious</i>	2	1-13	Live Action	Information – Magazine	Australia	New	PRC	3/09/07	Groovedelicious Pty Ltd
<i>Groovedelicious</i>	2	S2/EP1-S2/EP13	Live Action	Information – Magazine	Australia	New	C	28/09/07	Groovedelicious Pty Ltd
<i>How 2 with the Hooley Dooleys</i>	1	HD001-026	Live Action/ Animation/ Puppetry	Light Entertainment – Music	Australia	New	P	10/09/07	Melissa Stephens-Gaha
<i>Pixel Pinkie</i>	1	1-13	Animation	Drama – Series	Australia	New	CD	13/09/07	Blue Rocket Productions Pty Ltd
<i>Puzzle Play</i>	2	PPlay2/001-PPlay2/180	Live Action/ Animation	Light Entertainment – Variety	Australia	New	P	27/09/07	Network Ten Pty Ltd
<i>Rob the Robot</i>	1	1-26	Animation	Drama – Series	Australia	New	PRC	13/09/07	Mini Studios Pty Ltd
<i>Sea Princesses</i>	2	27-52	Animation	Drama – Series	Australia	New	CD	19/09/07	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
<i>The Shak</i>	5	SHAK0266-SHAK0330	Live Action	Light Entertainment – Magazine	Australia	New	C	10/09/07	Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd
<i>The Toothbrush Family</i>	1	1-26	Animation	Drama – Series	Australia	Renewal	C	11/09/07	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
<i>Trapped</i>	1	1-26	Live Action	Drama – Series	Australia	New	PRC	18/09/07	Northway Productions Pty Ltd

Class – Classification, C – C Classification, CD – C Drama, P – P Classification, PRC – Provisional C, PRP – Provisional P. A classification expires five years after the date it was granted or renewed.