

Children's and preschool programs granted classification, April 2008

Program title	Series	Episode description	Program style	Program type	Country of origin	New/renewal	Class	Decision date	Applicant
<i>All For Kids</i>	1	AFK001–AFK040	Live action	Light entertainment – magazine	Australia	New	P	4/04/08	Gravity Media Pty Ltd
<i>Pixel Pinkie</i>	2	1–26	Animation	Drama – series	Australia	New	PRC	8/04/08	Blue Rocket 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

Temporary community broadcasting licences allocated, April 2008

State	Licence area	Licensee	Community served	Frequency	Start	Finish	Allocated
NSW	Narrandera RA1	Narrandera District Community Radio	General	91.1 MHz	3/05/08	2/05/09	18/04/08
TAS	Oatlands RA1	Southern Midlands Community Radio Station Inc.	General	97.1 MHz	5/05/08	4/05/09	30/04/08
VIC	Bendigo RA4	Central Victorian Gospel Radio	Religious – Christian	101.5 MHz	13/05/08	12/08/08	11/04/08
QLD	Palm Island RA1	Qld Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association – Palm Island	Aboriginal	97.3 MHz	13/05/08	12/05/09	24/04/08
VIC	Kilmore RA1	Mitchell Community Radio Inc.	General	97.1 MHz	13/05/08	12/11/08	30/04/08

Allocation of residual spectrum in 2.3 GHz band

ACMA has sought the views of interested parties on the potential allocation of the residual spectrum licences in the 2.3 GHz band. A recently released discussion paper, *Allocation of Residual Spectrum (2.3 GHz Band)*, raises a number of specific issues related to the allocation of this residual spectrum, including bandwidth and market areas.

The discussion paper is accompanied by a draft marketing plan, including a revised technical framework that is proposed for all spectrum licences in the 2.3 GHz band.

The current technical framework for spectrum licences in the 2.3 GHz band is based on the pre-existing technical framework for Multi-point Distribution Station (MDS) services. MDS apparatus licences in the 2.3 GHz band were used to provide terrestrial subscription television services. When those licences were converted to spectrum licences, the need to revise the technical framework at a later date was identified.

The proposed technical framework now

incorporates principles of technical flexibility by providing for a broader range of services or technologies not necessarily considered at the time of conversion.

For example, in November 2007, the 2.3 GHz band was designated for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) by the World Radiocommunication Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

As a result, the 2.3 GHz band is likely to be used to deploy a wide range of advanced communications services, including 3G and 4G mobile services, and wireless access services such as broadband wireless access, data transfer, remote control over plant and

equipment, and video surveillance.

Submissions in response to the discussion paper will help ACMA identify and assess issues that require further consideration before making the residual spectrum available for allocation. ACMA is particularly interested in responses on the proposed geographic market areas for the spectrum licences.

Allocation of Residual Spectrum (2.3 GHz Band) is available on the ACMA website at

<www.acma.gov.au> (go to About ACMA: News & media centre > Issues for comment). All submissions are published on the website, subject to any consideration of confidentiality claims.

Comments close on 30 June 2008.