



The Aggregation Rebate Scheme, which has been in operation since 1989, recognises the expenses incurred by regional television licensees in expanding their service areas under the Government's aggregation policy. Some regional television services have been able to offset the payment of their licence fees by using credits accrued over the period of the Aggregation Rebate Scheme. Rebates and the use of accumulated credits for this year totalled \$1 million—compared with \$2.5 million in the previous year. The reduction is due to the fact that licensees in markets which first benefited from this policy in 1988–89 have now exhausted their eligibility to a rebate.

The ABA expects to release aggregated financial results for commercial television and radio (including expenditure, revenue and profit figures) in March 2001.

## Revised digital channel plans for digital TV

### Melbourne

The variation to the digital channel plans for Melbourne includes plans for digital channels at

repeater sites at South Yarra, Warburton, Marysville, Safety Beach, Rosebud, Fern Tree Gully, Upwey and Selby.

The variation to the digital channel plans sets out the channels existing broadcasters will use for their local coverage digital retransmissions. The ABA has also identified channels in each area that may be used for other purposes, such as datacasting.

The ABA has allotted additional channels 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66 and 67 at each of the translator sites of South Yarra, Warburton, Marysville, Safety Beach and Rosebud for commercial and national digital television and datacasting. It has also allotted additional channels 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 54 and 67 at each of the translator sites of Fern Tree Gully, Upwey and Selby for commercial and national digital television and datacasting. In order to operate on the same channel at different sites broadcasters will need to implement a number of these services as part of a single frequency network (SFN).

The variation to the commercial digital channel plan also includes a special condition on the technical specifications for the Melbourne digital television service to operate on channel 32. This

## Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated in December 2000

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
<b>New South Wales</b>				
Sydney	2 Groove Inc.	94.5	26-12-2000 to 22-1-2001	19-12-2000
<b>Victoria</b>				
Camberwell	Swinburne Student Radio Inc.	94.1	16-12-2000 to 31-3-2001	15-12-2000
Camberwell	Whitehorse – Boroondara FM Community Radio Inc.	94.1	16-12-2000 to 30-6-2001	5-12-2000
Melbourne	Hot FM Current Chart Radio Inc.	89.9	25-12-2000 to 21-1-2001	15-12-2000
Melbourne	New-Gen Radio Inc.	91.5	25-12-2000 to 31-1-2001	15-12-2000
Sunbury	3NRG Inc.	99.3	1-1-2001 to 31-8-2001	20-12-2000
Waverley	Golden Days Radio for Senior Citizens Inc.	95.7	16-12-2000 to 30-6-2001	5-12-2000
Walwa/Jingellic/				
Tumbarumba	Upper Murray Community Radio Inc.	88.7 & 107.7	11-12-2000 to 10-12-2001	4-12-2000
<b>Queensland</b>				
Brisbane	Brisbane Interactive Radio Group Inc.	97.3	30-12-2000 to 16-2-2001	19-12-2000
<b>South Australia</b>				
Adelaide	Fresh Broadcasters Inc.	92.7	28-1-2001 to 28-2-2001	14-12-2000
Adelaide	Progressive Dance Network Inc.	100.7	16-12-2000 to 28-2-2001	5-12-2000
Adelaide	Radio Televisione Italiana (SA) Inc.	92.7	16-12-2000 to 27-1-2001	15-12-2000
Adelaide	Way Out West Broadcasters Inc.	100.7	16-12-2000 to 28-2-2001	13-12-2000
Barossa Valley	Barossa Broadcasting Board Inc.	89.1	16-12-2000 to 31-8-2001	13-12-2000
Coober Pedy	Dusty Radio Inc.	104.5	20-12-2000 to 30-11-2001	15-12-2000
<b>Western Australia</b>				
Armadale	Heritage FM Inc.	93.7	1-1-2001 to 30-4-2001	20-12-2000