



2UE licence conditions brought into line with radio standards

The ABA has varied the two conditions on the licence of commercial radio service 2UE Sydney. These conditions were imposed following the ABA's inquiry into 2UE. The ABA subsequently imposed three commercial radio standards dealing with substantially similar issues on the whole industry. Those standards came into operation on 15 January this year.

The variations remove some inconsistencies between the conditions imposed uniquely on 2UE and the generally applicable industry standards. The variations ensure 2UE's licence conditions match the obligations imposed on all commercial radio licensees, while retaining the particular conditions the ABA imposed to deal with matters relevant to 2UE alone.

In some respects the standards the ABA imposed on the whole radio industry are more onerous than the conditions initially imposed on 2UE, because more information emerged about the breadth of the disclosure problems in commercial radio after the 2UE hearings and after conditions were imposed on 2UE.

In other respects, the 2UE conditions are more onerous than the radio standards, reflecting the particular circumstances at 2UE uncovered by the 2UE hearings.

The variations continue and in some ways strengthen the system of disclosure imposed on 2UE. They clarify any doubt and ensure that 2UE will comply both with the industry-wide standards and the special conditions on its own licence. 2UE has been provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed variations.

The licence conditions were originally gazetted in February 2000. The variations to both licence conditions commenced operation on 13 June 2001 and cease operation on 2 April 2003.

The licence conditions can be viewed on the ABA web site at www.aba.gov.au/what/program/commradio/

Interactive Gambling Act 2001

The Interactive Gambling Bill 2001 was passed by Parliament on 28 June.

The Act makes it an offence to provide an interactive gambling service to customers in Australia. It also prohibits advertising these services. Both these provisions will come into effect 28 days after Royal Assent.

The Act also establishes a complaints based system for dealing with prohibited Internet gambling content which will commence on a date to be proclaimed or six months after Royal Assent. This system will be administered by the ABA. A code or standard which will apply to Internet service providers and will deal with designated Internet gambling matters must be in place before the complaints based system comes into effect.

ABA allocates new non-broadcasting services bands commercial radio licence

The ABA has allocated a new commercial radio broadcasting licence to Aussie Regional Pty Ltd to cover the whole of Western Australia, except for the Perth metropolitan radio licence area. The licence is restricted to means of delivery that do not use the broadcasting services bands.

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 22 May and 22 June 2001. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

Program title	Origin	Class	New/ renewal	Decision dated	Applicant
HENRY	Australia	P	new	29-5-01	Ambience Entertainment Pty Ltd
IN THE BOX (SERIES 4)	Australia	P	new	7-6-01	Network Ten Pty Limited
KIDS' CLUB (SERIES 1)	Australia	C	new	22-5-01	McGuire Media Pty Ltd
TOTALLY WILD (SERIES 10)	Australia	C	new	6-6-01	Network Ten Pty Limited
Y? (SERIES 4 AND SERIES 5)	Australia	C	new	8-6-01	Southern Star Endemol Pty Ltd

C – children's program, P – preschool program, Class. – Classification





Aussie Regional Pty Limited must commence its service within 12 months of being allocated the licence, or within a longer period as approved by the ABA.

For copies of the draft licence area plans

The draft licence area plans for Wagga Wagga, Griffith and Young can be viewed at the ABA's web site at www.aba.gov.au/what/broplan/licence_area_plans.htm.

Copies of the licence area plans are available from the ABA by calling Freecall 1800 810 241, and are available for viewing at local libraries.

Submissions

Submissions on the plans are due by **27 July 2001**.

New community radio services proposed for Wagga and Young

The ABA is proposing to make licences available for new community radio services in Wagga Wagga and Young, New South Wales as well as providing additional FM channels to improve reception of existing services in Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Cootamundra and Cowra.

The proposals are contained in the draft radio licence area plans for the Murrumbidgee/Riverina region.

Submissions

The ABA is calling for submissions on the proposals in the draft licence area plans. Submissions closing date is 27 July.

Anti-siphoning investigation

The ABA has concluded its investigation into events on the anti-siphoning list with a report to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, on 29 June 2001.

As directed, the ABA has reported on which events should be removed from or added to the anti-siphoning list, as well as the expiration date for events on the list.

The Minister directed the ABA to undertake the investigation on 22 December 2000. There were 14 submissions to the investigation: from the free-to-air networks, the pay TV industry, international program suppliers, sporting bodies and the public.

The report is now being considered by the Minister.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated in May 2001

<i>Area served</i>	<i>Licensee</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Date allocated</i>
New South Wales				
Hornsby	North F.M. - Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Community Radio Inc.	100.1	27-5-2001 to 23-6-2001	15-5-2001
Wagga Wagga	Riverina Christian Radio Inc.	101.9	1-6-2001 to 8-2-2002	17-5-2001
Queensland				
Blackwater	Blackwater Community Broadcasters Association Inc.	92.7	26-5-2001 to 25-5-2002	15-5-2001
Brisbane	Brisbane Interactive Radio Group Inc.	97.3	5-6-2001 to 9-7-2001	23-5-2001
Cunnamulla	Cunnamulla Aboriginal Media Association Inc.	99.7	21-5-2001 to 30-9-2001	18-5-2001
Gold Coast	Christian Air Broadcasters Ltd	95.7	1-6-2001 to 31-10-2001	23-5-2001
Gold Coast	Gold Coast Community Broadcasters Ltd	102.9	1-6-2001 to 31-10-2001	17-5-2001
Gold Coast	Hott FM Ltd	105.7	1-6-2001 to 31-10-2001	18-5-2001
Gold Coast	Radio Hope Island Ltd	94.1	1-6-2001 to 31-10-2001	17-5-2001
Nambour	SDA Radio Association Inc.	91.1	1-6-2001 to 28-2-2002	23-5-2001
Nambour	Sunshine Coast Christian Broadcasters Association Inc.	106.5	1-6-2001 to 28-2-2002	23-5-2001
South Australia				
Adelaide	Fresh Broadcasters Inc.	92.7	1-6-2001 to 31-5-2002	29-5-2001
Adelaide	Music Broadcasting Society of South Australia Inc.	92.7	1-6-2001 to 31-5-2002	28-5-2001
Adelaide	Progressive Dance Network Inc.	100.7	1-6-2001 to 31-5-2002	24-5-2001
Adelaide	R.P.H. - Adelaide Inc.	119.7	1-6-2001 to 31-5-2002	25-5-2001
Adelaide	Radio Televisione Italiana (SA) Inc.	92.7	1-6-2001 to 31-5-2002	29-5-2001
Port Adelaide	Way Out West Broadcasters Inc.	100.7	1-6-2001 to 31-5-2002	29-5-2001
Victoria				
Melbourne	Nu Country Music Radio Inc.	94.9	7-5-2001 to 20-5-2001	2-5-2001
Melbourne	Student Youth Network Inc.	94.9	21-5-2001 to 10-6-2001	15-5-2001
Melbourne	Joy Melbourne Independent Community Broadcasters Inc.	90.7	23-5-2001 to 31-8-2001	15-5-2001
Melbourne	Melbourne Gospel Radio Inc.	89.9	7-5-2001 to 10-6-2001	2-5-2001

