



## Discussion paper for radio services in Launceston

The ABA has released a discussion paper on the use of available FM channels in the Launceston area. The ABA is particularly interested in the potential for FM commercial services in the Launceston market which currently only has commercial radio broadcasting services operating in the AM band.

The paper also invites submissions on whether channel capacity should be made available for an additional community radio service in Launceston.

'Before releasing a draft licence area plan variation for Launceston, the ABA is interested in receiving comments on the issues and the options for introducing FM radio services to the Launceston market,' said Professor Flint.

FM radio channels have become available in Launceston after the ABC turned off its television service on VHF channel 3 in North East Tasmania (Mt Barrow). This service now operates on the UHF band. The additional FM channels are available as VHF channel 3 overlaps the FM radio band.

Closing date for comment on the discussion paper was 30 April 2004.

'The ABA's proposal follows consideration of a request from the licensee, North East Tasmania Broadcasters Pty Ltd, to enable it to resolve reception deficiencies in the region,' said Professor Flint.

The additional FM channel capacity has been planned by the ABA under the Commercial Radio Blackspots Program.

The proposals are contained in the draft variation to the Scottsdale radio licence area plan. The closing date for comment was 23 April 2004. The draft variation to the Scottsdale radio licence area plan and explanatory paper are on the ABA's web site or tel. 1800 810 241 for a copy.

## Changes proposed for Emerald radio services

The ABA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available for the 4HIT Emerald commercial radio service in Blackwater and Middlemount, Queensland.

'The ABA's proposal follows consideration of a request from the licensee, DMG Regional Radio, to enable it to resolve reception deficiencies in the region,' said Professor Flint.

The additional FM channel capacity has been planned by the ABA under the Commercial Radio Blackspots Program.

The ABA also is proposing to make FM channel capacity available to the ABC in Emerald for two future national radio services, and to change the operating conditions of the Moranbah and Woorabinda community radio services to extend their licence areas.

## Draft variation to Scottsdale radio licence area plan

The ABA is proposing to make FM channel capacity available for the Scottsdale commercial radio service 7RGS in Weldborough, Tas.

### C and P programs

*Programs granted C and P classification between 15 March and 21 April 2004. 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
Girl TV	Australia	C	new	15.4.2004	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
High Flyers (series 1)	Australia	CD	renewal	30.3.2004	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
New Macdonald's Farm (series 1)	Australia	P	new	8.4.2004	Pacific And Beyond Pty Ltd
Parallax (series 1, eps 1-13)	Australia	CD	new	31.3.2004	Great Western Entertainment Pty Ltd
Pig's Breakfast (series 1)	Australia	CD	renewal	8.4.2004	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd
The Big Arvo (series 11)	Australia	C	new	19.3.2004	Seven Network Ltd
The Big Arvo (series 12)	Australia	C	new	19.3.2004	Seven Network Ltd
Totally Wild (series 13)	Australia	C	new	30.3.2004	Network Ten Pty Ltd
Zoom	Australia	PRP	new	19.3.2004	Galaxy Pop Pty Ltd

C — children's program, CD — C drama, P — preschool, PRC — provisional C, PRP — provisional P Class. — Classification

### Discussion paper

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