



News Update

Channel proposed for community radio in Bicheno, Tas

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available for community radio service 7BOD Break O'Day to provide its service to the Bicheno region of Tasmania.

'The ABA's decision follows consideration of a request from Break O'Day FM Inc. for improvement to its service,' said Ms Maddock.

Bicheno is on the eastern sea board of Tasmania and is a remote locality surrounded by rugged terrain located approximately 36 km to the south south-east of St Marys in the Break O'Day RA1 licence area.

The town has limited radio services: two national services, 7ABCRR and 7ABCRN, and no local radio broadcasting services. The national

services are low powered and provide coverage to the town only.

In June 2004, a variation to the Scottsdale radio licence area plan included an extension of the Break O'Day community radio licence area to include the towns of Bicheno and Coles Bay. The ABA also redefined the licence area using 2001 Census boundaries.

Following a request from Break O'Day FM Inc. proposing a frequency for a transmitter for the service at Bicheno, the ABA has assessed the use of frequency 98.5 MHz at a maximum ERP of 200 watts to be suitable.

The ABA invites comments on its proposal. Comments should be received 9 June 2005. The draft variation to the Scottsdale licence area plan and explanatory paper are available from the ABA's website www.aba.gov.au or by calling Freecall 1800 226 667.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated from 4 May to 8 June 2005

Area served	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
New South Wales				
Moss Vale RA1	MVH FM Inc.	92.5 MHz	13.6.2005 to 12.9.2005	8.6.2005
New South Wales/Victoria				
Upper Murray RA1	High Country Christian Broadcasters Association Inc.	94.9 MHz	4.3.2005 to 6.12.2005*	3.6.2005
Queensland				
Palm Island RA1	Queensland Police-Citizen Youth Welfare Association – Palm Island Branch	97.3 MHz	13.5.2005 to 12.5.2006	12.5.2005
Mackay RA2	Mackay & District Aboriginal & Islander Media Association	105.9 MHz	6.6.2005 to 5.6.2006	6.6.2005
Western Australia				
Bunbury RA3	Harvey Mainstreet Inc.	96.5 MHz	20.5.2005 to 19.5.2006	12.5.2005
Northern Territory				
Arnhem Land RA1	Aboriginal Resources & Development Services Inc.	1530 kHz 1503 kHz 1593 kHz 1566 kHz & 1476 kHz	27.7.2005 to 26.7.2006	3.6.2005
Alice Springs RA2	8CCC Community Radio Inc.	102.1 MHz & 102.1 MHz	19.3.2005 to 18.9.2005	03.6.2005

*Licence period extended