

Improvements to **smartnumbers**[®] allocation

Recent changes made by ACMA aim to improve the efficiency of the **smartnumbers**[®] auction system and clarify current regulatory arrangements.

ACMA has amended the arrangements for the allocation of freephone and local rate 13, 1300 and 1800 numbers through the **smartnumbers**[®] auction system. The new provisions:

- introduce a 'cooling-off period' to allow applicants to withdraw nominations for **smartnumbers**[®] and
- clarify the 'strategic link' requirements for eligible charity applications.

Clients can now withdraw their nominations for a particular number online, within 10 working days before the scheduled auction through the automated **smartnumbers**[®] cooling-off period. There is no requirement to state the reason for withdrawal.

Concessional arrangements are provided to charities who want to purchase a particular number through a **smartnumbers**[®] auction. The concession is conditional on charities meeting one of several criteria that demonstrate a 'strategic link' between the number and the charity.

One of the criteria is that the number forms a word matching a word within a recognised registered

trade mark or registered business name owned by the eligible charity. The change requires that the name or trademark must either have been held for at least 12 months, or be in use or traded under.

The **smartnumbers**[®] web-based auction system is at www.smartnumbers.com.au, where there is more information about the recent changes, or call the **smartnumbers**[®] hotline on telephone 1300 793 919.



ACMA gears up for 2007 International Training Program

The International Training Program (ITP) was developed by ACMA in response to an increasing number of requests from international organisations for individual training and work-study programs. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), recognising the value of the training program to developing nations, is again providing funding for this year's training.

The ITP aims to provide a regulatory overview of Australia's competitive broadcasting, telecommunications and radiocommunications environment.

Program modules generally address broadcasting, radiocommunications and telecommunications issues.

The 2007 program will cover spectrum management and regulation of telecommunications, broadcasting and online content. All the training sessions and material are in English.

The ITP provides participants from other countries with an overview of the way Australia regulates the broadcasting, radiocommunications and telecommunications sectors and enables participants to learn from Australia's experiences. It also offers a unique opportunity for networking

with individuals from organisations and countries in the region.

The training is provided free of charge, but participants must meet all accommodation, travel and living expenses. As the number of places is limited, organisations may nominate a maximum of two participants per module. Additional nominees will be placed on a waiting list. In addition, the ITU may provide some fellowships (meeting all costs) to enable participants from developing countries to attend.

Registration for the 2007 training program will open mid-year. The

program will be held in Melbourne and Canberra as follows:

- Regulation of Telecommunications, Broadcasting and Online Content—Melbourne, 22 to 26 October
- Spectrum Management—Canberra, 29 October to 2 November.

More information about the program is on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au (go to About ACMA: ACMA's role & activities > Current activities > International activities > International Training Program). To be added to the mailing list, email international.training@acma.gov.au.

Temporary community broadcasting licences allocated, April 2007

State	Licence area	Licensee	Community served	Frequency	Start	Finish	Allocated
NSW	Narrandera RAI	Narrandera District Community Radio Inc	General	92.3 MHz	3/5/07	2/5/08	5/4/07
Tas	Oatlands RAI	Southern Midlands Community Radio Station Inc	General	91.7 MHz	5/5/07	4/5/08	5/4/07