



Community radio

The ABA has proposed to make one new community radio licence available for allocation in each of Rockhampton, Gladstone, Yeppoon, Emerald, Maryborough and Hervey Bay as there is interest in providing community radio services in these markets. If a new licence is allocated for Rockhampton, residents of that city will have access to two community radio services.

The ABA is also seeking additional information about making community radio licences available for allocation in Bundaberg and Agnes Water. There is insufficient information about the proposed services in these areas for the ABA to plan a community service in either area at this stage. Given available technical capacity in the markets, the ABA considers it is feasible to plan community radio services in the region.

Open narrowcasting radio

The draft licence area plans also contain proposals for two FM open narrowcasting services in Rockhampton, Bundaberg and Emerald, and one FM open narrowcasting service in each of Gladstone, Yeppoon, Biloela, Moranbah, Saraji, Dysart, Middlemount, Tieri, Blackwater, Clermont and Maryborough.

Public comment

The public is now invited to comment on the suggestions made in the draft radio LAPs. When releasing the draft licence area plans, former ABA Chairman Mr Peter Webb said it is important to understand the ABA's role.

'The ABA's job is to identify vacant radio channels and decide the number and type of new licences to be made available. Then it's for business and the community to take up these opportunities.'

'We cannot fund or make others fund extra services. We cannot demand improved reception of existing services,' he said.

'It is also important to note that making any of these services available is dependent on further information being provided to the ABA. The information we are seeking is detailed in the discussion paper and a recently published booklet, *The ABA's General Approach to Planning*.'

The release of draft licence area plans follows wide public consultation by the ABA which held public meetings in the region in June 1997. The ABA recognises that the information currently available to it may be dated, and is seeking extra information from interested parties relating to the specific markets being planned. While the ABA can contact parties who have previously expressed an interest, it is also interested in hearing from any other interested parties who have not been

involved in the planning process to date.

Planning for television services in the region is scheduled for 1999.

The ABA's draft plans and preliminary views are available for viewing in local libraries in Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Emerald and Maryborough. Copies are also available from the ABA by telephoning Freecall 1 800 810 241.

**Written submissions should be sent to: Planning Officer for Central Coast Queensland ABA
PO Box 34
Belconnen, ACT 2616
by 14 November 1997.**

Any parties interested in commenting on the ABA's preliminary views and draft licence area plans should obtain a copy of *The ABA's General Approach to Planning* and frame their submission to answer the questions asked by the ABA.

Programs granted C classification

Programs granted C or P classification between 11 September and 13 October 1997. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist, Manager, Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7840.

Title	Origin	Class.	New/ Renewal	Decision date	Applicant
NEW ADVENTURES OF WINNIE THE POOH; THE (Series 2, 3 & 4)	USA	C	renewal	12.9.1997	Seven Network
CHALLENGER! (Series 4)	Australia	C	new	25.9.1997	Queensland Television Ltd

C - children's program