



Applications for open narrowcasting licences

The ABA has invited applications for 21 new open narrowcasting radio services to serve the Australian Capital Territory and regional areas of New South Wales.

The ABA has set a reserve price of \$4000 for each of the licences. Applications for the licences closed on Friday 29 October 1999. Auctions for licences with more than one applicant will held at the ABA's Sydney offices on 24 November.

Applications were invited for apparatus licences to provide open narrowcasting services in the following locations:

State	Location	Frequency
ACT	Canberra	1008 kHz
	Tuggeranong	88.7 MHz
NSW	Batemans Bay	96.3 MHz
	Bombala	90.9 MHz
	Bowral	1215 kHz
	Cooma	96.9 MHz
	Eden	107.1 MHz
	Goulburn	94.3 MHz
	Goulburn (town)	100.7 MHz
	Jindabyne	102.7 MHz
	Moruya	98.5 MHz
	Narooma	106.9 MHz
	Newcastle	1341 kHz
	Nowra	101.1 MHz
	Nowra	103.7 MHz
	Queanbeyan	97.5 MHz
	Thredbo	106.9 MHz
	Wollongong	1314 kHz
	Wollongong	1575 kHz
	Wollongong	105.3 MHz
	Yass	107.9 MHz

New pay TV licences allocated

The ABA has allocated nine subscription television broadcasting (pay TV) licences to TPG TV Pty Ltd.

TPG has indicated that it will use the licences to provide a range of services, via satellite, with news, business information, sport, current affairs, cartoons, nature documentaries and movies.

Applications invited for community radio licences

The ABA has advertised for the following new community radio broadcasting licences:

Area	Number of licences	Closing date
New South Wales		
Bega	1	3 December
Cooma	1	3 December
Grafton	1	29 November
Wollongong	2	29 November
Victoria		
Bendigo*	2	8 November
Queensland		
Toowoomba	1	28 October
Warwick	1	28 October

* The ABA has readvertised the availability of two new community radio broadcasting licences to serve the Bendigo region.

'The ABA suspended the previous allocation of the two Bendigo community licences after it became necessary to change the technical specifications for one of those licences,' said ABA Chairman, Professor David Flint.

'Now that the necessary technical changes have been made to one of the licences, the ABA is reopening the application process to ensure fairness to all interested parties,' he said.

It is important to note that previous applicants need not reapply. However, they may if they wish, amend their existing applications before the specified closing date.

C or P programs

Programs granted C or P classification between 10 September and 13 October 1999. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Nadia Mencinsky on (02) 9334 7840.

Program title	Origin	Class	New/renewal	Decision date	Applicant
KOSMOS KIDS	Australia	P	new	24-9-99	Wave Entertainment Pty Ltd
SQUIGGLE VISION	USA	C	new	1-10-99	Seven Network
THUNDERSTONE 3	Australia	CD	new	16-9-99	Jonathan M Shiff Productions Pty Ltd

C - children's program, CD - drama, P - preschool, Class - classification