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Investigations into program matters: 1998-99

There were 136 breaches of codes of practice, licence conditions or the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* by broadcasters in 1998-99, according to the ABA's Annual Report, tabled in Parliament on 20 October.

There were 52 more breaches found in 1998-99 than in the previous reporting period. Of the 136 breaches, 75 related to codes of practice (59 in 1997-98), 55 were breaches of licence conditions (24 in 1997-98), and six were breaches of the Act (one in 1997-98).

'The increase in the number of breaches of

licence conditions and of the Act is of concern to the ABA. It partly reflects a continued vigorous compliance regime practised by the ABA in the reporting period,' the report says.

Much of the increase in the number of breaches can be attributed to three issues: scheduling non-program matter on commercial television, broadcasting political matter without the authorisation details and compliance with the Children's Television Standards.

Of the 75 breaches of codes of practice, 57 related to commercial television services, four to commercial radio, eight to community radio, four to ABC television and two to ABC radio.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

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Area served	Licensee	Frequency MHz	Period	Date allocated
New South Wales				
Casinos Own Wireless Assoc Inc.	Casino	107.9	1-10-1999 to 29-6-2000	27-9-1999
Clarence Valley Christian Broadcasters Inc.	Grafton	103.1	4-10-1999 to 3-4-2000	30-9-1999
Kaputar FM Community Radio Inc.	Narrabri	91.3	1-10-1999 to 31-10-1999	29-9-1999
OUT-FM Sydney Ltd	Sydney	94.5	13-9-1999 to 4-10-1999	10-9-1999
2 Groove Inc.	Sydney	96.9	1-10-1999 to 31-10-1999	29-9-1999
Cool FM Community Radio Association Inc.	Tweed Valley	100.1	1-10-1999 to 29-6-2000	29-9-1999
Queensland				
Family Radio Ltd	Brisbane	96.5	1-10-1999 to 29-6-1999	29-9-1999
Christian Air Broadcasting Ltd	Gold Coast	95.7	1-10-1999 to 31-1-2000	9-9-1999
Hott FM Ltd	Gold Coast	94.9	1-10-1999 to 29-2-2000	27-9-1999
Radio Hope Island Ltd	Gold Coast	94.1	1-10-1999 to 31-1-1999	24-9-1999
Sunshine Coast Christian Broadcasters Assoc.	Nambour	106.5	21-9-1999 to 29-6-2000	30-9-1000
Noosa District Community FM Radio Assoc. Inc.	Noosa	101.3	1-10-1999 to 29-6-2000	29-9-1999
South Australia				
Pirie Community Radio Broadcasters Inc.	Port Pirie	105.9	2-10-1999 to 1-10-2000	30-9-1999
Great Southern FM 99.9 Community Broadcasters Assoc. Inc.	Victor Harbor	99.9	1-10-1999 to 30-9-2000	28-9-1999
Peninsula Community Broadcasters Inc.	York Peninsula	90.3	1-10-1999 to 30-9-2000	29-9-1999
Victoria				
Horsham & District Community FM Radio	Horsham	96.5	30-9-1999 to 29-9-2000	10-9-1999
Central Melbourne FM Inc.	Melbourne	91.5	20-9-1999 to 5-12-1999	6-9-1999
Employment Access Radio Inc.	Melbourne	94.9	22-9-1999 to 1-10-1999	21-9-1999
Golden Days Radio for Senior Citizens Inc.	Melbourne	95.7	1-10-1999 to 31-12-1999	24-9-1999
Joy Melbourne Independent Community Broadcasters Inc.	Melbourne	90.7	25-9-1999 to 31-1-2000	21-9-1999
Kiss FM Inc.	Melbourne	89.9	06-9-1999 to 17-10-1999	2-9-1999
RMIT Student Union Student Radio Assoc. Inc.	Melbourne	94.9	2-10-1999 to 14-11-1999	30-9-1999
Swinburne Student Union Inc.	Melbourne	94.1	1-10-1999 to 30-11-1999	24-9-1999
Victorian Muslim Community Information Service Inc.	Melbourne	90.7	25-9-1999 to 14-1-2000	23-9-1999
Whitehorse-Boroondara FM Community Radio Inc.	Melbourne	94.1	1-10-1999 to 31-1-2000	28-9-1999
3NRG Inc.	Sunbury	99.3	25-9-1999 to 31-1-2000	20-9-1999
WYN-FM Community Radio Inc.	Werribee	88.9	1-10-1999 to 31-1-2000	29-9-1999