



News Update

ABA to hold public hearing to assist in allocating three Sydney-wide community radio licences

The ABA will conduct a public hearing to assist it in allocating three new Sydney-wide community radio licences. The hearing will be held in the Marconi Room at the Sydney Town Hall from Monday 14 August 2000.

'The hearing will assist the ABA in deciding the relative merits of the applicants. It is also a good opportunity for the applicants to highlight particular aspects of their case to the ABA in person,' said Professor Flint.

All applicants that meet the statutory criteria will be eligible to appear at the hearing.

The ABA invited applications for three Sydney-wide and four suburban community radio licences in February.

Area served	Number of applications
Sydney-wide (3)	18
Blacktown	3
Campbelltown	1
Hornsby	4
Penrith	2

The three Sydney-wide licences will be allocated first, after the hearing. The four

suburban community licences will be allocated afterwards in separate processes.

In making its decisions, the ABA will consider all the information and submissions provided during the allocation process.

All applications received by the ABA can be viewed on the ABA web site

<www.aba.gov.au> and at the ABA library at Level 16 Darling Park, 201 Sussex St, Sydney.

Further details of the hearing will be advised by letter to all applicants, and by public notice later this year.

New non-broadcasting services bands commercial radio licence

The ABA has allocated a new commercial radio broadcasting licence to cover an area of Queensland south of latitude 16° but excluding the existing Charleville commercial radio licence area.

The licence has been allocated to Pinecam Pty Ltd.

Pinecam Pty Ltd must commence its service within 12 months of being allocated the licence, or within a longer period as approved by the ABA. The licensee may not use the broadcasting services bands to deliver its service.

Temporary community broadcasting licences

Allocated in April 2000

Licence area	Licensee	Frequency	Period	Date allocated
ACT				
Canberra	Artsound Inc.	92.7	1-5-2000 to 14-7-2000	28-4-2000
Canberra	Canberra Christian Radio Ltd	91.9, 90.3	1-5-2000 to 14-7-2000	28-4-2000
Canberra	Ethnic Broadcaster's Council of the ACT and Surrounding Districts Inc.	91.1	1-5-2000 to 14-7-2000	28-4-2000
Canberra	Radio Antenna International FM Inc.	91.9	1-5-2000 to 14-7-2000	28-4-2000
New South Wales				
Narrabri	Narrabri Shire Community Radio Inc.	91.3	1-5-2000 to 31-5-2000	18-4-2000
Yass	Yass Community Radio Association Inc.	100.3	1-5-2000 to 30-4-2001	28-4-2000
Victoria				
Melbourne	Central Melbourne FM Inc.	91.5	24-4-2000 to 18-6-2000	19-4-2000
Melbourne	Laughtertainment Community Radio Inc.	89.9	17-4-2000 to 4-6-2000	4-4-2000
Queensland				
Beaudesert	Beaudesert Community Radio Group Inc	102.9	13-4-2000 to 30-9-2000	11-4-2000
Gayndah	Central Burnett Community Radio Association Inc.	91.5	7-4-2000 to 6-4-2001	4-4-2000
South Australia				
Adelaide	Fresh Broadcasters Inc.	92.7	8-4-2000 to 30-6-2000	5-4-2000
Western Australia				
Geraldton	Soncity FM Inc.	97.3	1-5-2000 to 30-4-2001	28-4-2000

Sydney community radio licences hearing:

Marconi Room, Sydney Town Hall starting

Monday 14 August 2000.