



News Update

All digital channel plans and their explanatory papers, including the *Variation to the Digital Channel Plans Victoria: Part 1 – Melbourne – December 2000*, *Variation to Digital Channel Plans South Australia: Part 1 – Adelaide- December 2000*, *Variation to the Digital Channel Plans Western Australia: Part 1 – Perth – December 2000*, are available on the ABA's web site at www.aba.gov.au. Copies can also be obtained from the ABA by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

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Adelaide

The ABA has released plans for channels for digital television in Adelaide. The plans for digital channels at repeater sites at Adelaide Foothills, Elizabeth South and Victor Harbor are contained in a variation to the digital channel plans for Adelaide. The plans also contain an additional high power channel that may be used for other purposes, such as datacasting.

The variation to the digital channel plans sets out the channels existing broadcasters will use for their local coverage digital retransmissions. The ABA has also identified channels in each area that may be used for other purposes, such as datacasting.

The ABA has allotted additional channels 54, 57, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 69 at each of the translator sites of Adelaide Foothills and Elizabeth South for commercial and national digital television and datacasting. It has also

allotted additional channels 53, 56, 59, 62., 65, 67, 68 and 69 at Victor Harbor for commercial and national digital television and datacasting.. Channel 37 has been allotted for Adelaide: as a high power service and may be used for other purposes, such as datacasting.

Perth

The ABA has released plans for digital television repeater channels in Perth. The plans for digital channels at repeater sites at Roleystone and Toodyay are contained in a variation to the digital channel plans for Perth.

The variation to the digital channel plans sets out the channels existing broadcasters will use for their local coverage digital retransmissions. The ABA has also identified channels in each area that may be used for other purposes, such as datacasting.

The ABA has allotted additional channels 53, 56, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65 and 67 at each of the translator sites of Roleystone and Toodyay for commercial and national digital television and datacasting.

The variation to the commercial digital channel plan also includes a special condition on the technical specifications for the Perth digital television service to operate on channel 32. This special condition is to ensure that unacceptable interference is not caused to the existing analog community television open narrowcasting service, CTV 31, which operates on the adjacent channel.

An explanatory paper, which discusses issues raised in submissions and provides the reasons for each decision, accompanies the variation to the digital channel plans for the Perth area.

John Rimmer leaves ABA

John Rimmer, ABA Member, left the ABA on 29 January 2001 to take up a new role as chief executive officer of the National Office for the Information Economy.

Mr Rimmer was appointed to the ABA as a part time member on 5 October 1997 for three years. Mr Rimmer was reappointed on 10 August 2000, to 4 October 2004.

The ABA wishes Mr Rimmer well in his new appointment.



John Rimmer

Rhonda Thwaite

C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 24 November 2000 and 29 January 2001. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

Program title	Origin	Class	New/renewal	Decision date	Applicant
@KIDS CLUB	Australia	IPRC	new	6-12-00	McGuire Media
FLIPPER AND LOPAKA (Series 2)	Australia	CAD	new	20-12-00	Yoram Gross EM.TV
GAME PLANETS	Australia	IPRC	new	6-12-00	Imagination Entertainment Pty Ltd
GLORIA'S HOUSE (Episodes 14 – 26, Series 1)	Australia	CAD	new	1-12-00	Energiee Entertainment
OUTRIDERS	Australia	CAD	new	10-1-1	Southern Star Entertainment Pty Ltd

C — children's program, C Drama — C Australian drama, P — preschool, PRC — provisional C