

Proposed extension of 4VL Charleville to Mitchell, Queensland

ACMA is proposing to make channel capacity available to commercial radio service 4VL Charleville at Mitchell Airport, Queensland, to improve coverage of its service in the eastern part of its licence area.

The proposal follows consideration of a request from the licensee of 4VL for improvement to its service and was published for comment in June 2005.

ACMA also sought comments on a request from

4VL to extend its licence area to include Mitchell. While Mitchell is in the licence area of commercial radio service 4ZR Roma, parts of the town including the airport are in the Charleville licence area.

Regional Broadcasters Australia Pty Ltd, the licensee of 4ZR, has received funding under the Commercial Radio Blackspots Program to provide a service in Mitchell. A frequency was allocated for this service in 2003.

Details are included in a draft variation to the Charleville licence area plan and explanatory paper. Comments on the draft variation closed on 14 July 2005. The draft plan and explanatory paper are on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au (go to Latest > Draft documents > Broadcasting >> Draft licence area plans (LAPs)) or contact ACMA on telephone (free call) 1800 810 241.



CHANGES PROPOSED TO IMPROVE RECEPTION OF 2AAA WAGGA WAGGA

ACMA has proposed making channel capacity available to improve reception of community radio service 2AAA Wagga Wagga following a request from 2AAA's licensee to improve and extend its service.

2AAA requested that channel capacity be made available for translators in Wagga Wagga South and Junee

to rectify signal deficiencies of the service within its licence area. It also requested that translators be made available to extend the 2AAA service to the townships of Gundagai and Coolamon.

The proposals are contained in the draft variation to the Wagga Wagga radio licence area plan released earlier this year for public comment.

Comments on the proposal closed on 8 July 2005. The draft variation to the Wagga Wagga radio licence area plan with an explanatory paper are on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au (go to Latest > Draft documents > Broadcasting >> Draft licence area plans (LAPs)) or contact ACMA on telephone (free call) 1800 810 241.