

## Part 1: Licencing and establishment data

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### Data sources:

The data in this section was derived from the following sources:

- ABCB annual reports, 1961-76
- ABCB licence grant inquiry reports, 1960-76
- Regional television company annual reports, 1960-2019
- ABT annual reports, 1976-1992
- ABA annual reports, 1992-2003
- ACMA annual reports, 2003-2019

## Appendix 1.1. No. applicants, Stages 3, 4 and 6

The following table lists the number of applicants received for each Stage 3, 4 and 6 licence.

Licence area	No. applicants
<b>Stage 3 television development</b>	
Latrobe Valley, Vic	2
Bendigo, Vic	2
Goulburn Valley, Vic	3
Newcastle-Hunter River, NSW	6
Central Tablelands, NSW	6
Illawarra, NSW	5
Ballarat, Vic	4
Richmond-Tweed Heads, NSW	4
North Eastern Tasmania, Tas	3
Canberra, ACT	5
Darling Downs, Qld	2
Townsville, Qld	1
Rockhampton, Qld	1
<b>Stage 4 television development</b>	
SW Slopes & Eastern Riverina (Wagga Wagga, NSW)	3
Upper Murray (Albury, NSW)	2
Grafton-Kempsey (Coffs Harbour, NSW)	1
Upper Namoi (Tamworth, NSW)	2
Wide Bay (Maryborough, Qld)	1
Mildura (Vic)	2
Central Western Slopes (Dubbo, NSW)	3
Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (Griffith, NSW)	4
Southern Downs (Warwick, Qld)	1
South East SA (Mount Gambier, SA)	4
Manning River (Taree, NSW)	3
Cairns (Qld)	2
Bunbury (WA)	1
Mackay (Qld)	1
Broken Hill (NSW)	3
Spencer Gulf (Port Pirie, SA)	1; 1 <sup>1</sup>
Southern Agricultural (Albany, WA)	0; 4 <sup>1</sup>
Bega/Cooma (NSW)	1; 3 <sup>1 2</sup>
Murray Valley, Vic	3 <sup>2</sup>
Central Agricultural (WA)	0; 3 <sup>1 2</sup>
<b>Stage 6 television development</b>	
Kalgoorlie (WA)	1
Mount Isa (Qld)	2
Darwin (NT)	2
Loxton/Renmark (SA)	4
Geraldton (WA)	4
Mawson (WA)	3 <sup>2</sup>

Appendix 1.2. Stage 3 licencing/establishment, 1960-63

The following table lists Stage 3 licencing and establishment details, 1960-63.<sup>3</sup>

<b>Call sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>GLV</b> Latrobe Valley (Traralgon, Vic) Gippsland-Latrobe Valley Telecasters Ltd CD: John Bishop / GM: Gordon Lewis	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 June 1961 Commenced: 9 December 1961
<b>BCV</b> Bendigo (Vic) Bendigo & Central Victoria Telecasters Ltd CD: Leo Cohn / GM: Frank McManus	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 June 1961 Commenced: 23 December 1961
<b>GMV</b> Goulburn Valley (Shepparton, Vic) Goulburn-Murray Television Ltd CD: Sir William Bridgeford / GM: Ron Williams	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 June 1961 Commenced: 23 December 1961
<b>NBN</b> Newcastle-Hunter River (Newcastle, NSW) Newcastle Broadcasting & Television Ltd CD: Stewart Lamb / GM: C. Derwin	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 August 1961 Commenced: 4 March 1962
<b>CBN</b> Central Tablelands (Orange, NSW) Country Television Services Ltd CD: John (Jack) Ridley / GM: Alan Ridley	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 August 1961 Commenced: 17 March 1962
<b>WIN</b> Illawarra (Wollongong, NSW) Television Wollongong Transmissions Ltd CD: William Simpson / GM: Wilton (Bill) Lean	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 July 1961 Commenced: 18 March 1962
<b>BTV</b> Ballarat (Vic) Ballarat & Western Victoria Television Ltd CD: Alan Pittard / GM: Bruce Jackson	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 June 1961 Commenced: 27 April 1962
<b>RTN</b> Richmond-Tweed (Lismore, NSW) Richmond-Tweed TV Ltd CD: John McIntosh / GM: Les Warrick	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 September 1961 Commenced: 12 May 1962
<b>TNT</b> North-Eastern Tasmania (Launceston, Tas) Northern Television Ltd CD: Giles Chippendall / MD: Arthur Evans	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 September 1961 Commenced: 26 May 1962
<b>CTC</b> Canberra (ACT) Canberra Television Ltd CD: Arthur Shakespeare / GM: George Barlin	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 July 1961 Commenced: 2 June 1962
<b>DDQ</b> Darling Downs (Toowoomba, Qld) Darling Downs TV Ltd CD: Walter Bruce / GM: Donald Nicholson	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 July 1961 Commenced: 13 July 1962
<b>TNQ</b> Townsville (Qld) Telecasters North Queensland Ltd CD: Cecil Carmody / MD: John (Jack) Gleeson	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 July 1962 Commenced: 1 November 1962
<b>RTQ</b> Rockhampton (Qld) Rockhampton Television Ltd CD: Alexander Dunn / GM: Max Keogh	Decision: 28 October 1960 Granted: 1 August 1962 Commenced: 7 September 1963

Key to abbreviations:

CD: Chairman of Directors

MD: Managing Director

GM: General/Station Manager

Appendix 1.3. Stage 4 licencing/establishment, 1962-68

The following table lists Stage 4 licencing and establishment details, 1962-68.<sup>4</sup>

<b>Call sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>RVN</b> SW Slopes & Eastern Riverina (Wagga Wagga) Riverina Television Ltd CD: Eric Roberts / GM: William (Bill) Marsden	Decision: 19 September 1962 Granted: 1 November 1963 Commenced: 19 June 1964
<b>AMV</b> Upper Murray (Albury, NSW) Albury Upper Murray TV Ltd CD: Douglas Hague / GM: Arthur (Ray) Kidd	Decision: 19 September 1962 Granted: 1 August 1963 Commenced: 7 September 1964
<b>NRN</b> Grafton-Kempsey (Coffs Harbour, NSW) Northern Rivers Television Ltd CD: Arnold Forsyth / GM: Athol Cave	Decision: 19 September 1962 Granted: 1 May 1964 Commenced: 23 January 1965
<b>NEN</b> Upper Namoi (Tamworth, NSW) Television New England Ltd CD: Harold Joseph / MD: Ernest Higginbotham	Decision: 19 September 1962 Granted: 1 November 1962 Commenced: 10 April 1965
<b>WBQ</b> Wide Bay (Maryborough, Qld) Wide Bay Burnett TV Ltd CD: Ernest Nicholson / GM: Fred Yates	Decision: 19 September 1962 Granted: 1 March 1964 Commenced: 10 April 1965
<b>STV</b> Mildura (Vic) Sunraysia Television Ltd CD: Charles Lanyon / MD: Max Folie	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 April 1965 Commenced: 27 November 1965
<b>CWN</b> Central Western Slopes (Dubbo, NSW) Country Television Services Ltd CD: John (Jack) Ridley / GM: Alan Ridley	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 August 1965 Commenced: 1 December 1965
<b>MTN</b> Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (Griffith, NSW) Murrumbidgee Television Ltd CD: Brian Maguire / GM: William (Ray) Gamble	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 April 1965 Commenced: 15 December 1965
<b>SDQ</b> Southern Downs (Warwick, Qld) Darling Downs TV Ltd CD: Walter Bruce / GM: Donald Nicholson	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 July 1965 Commenced: 26 February 1966
<b>SES</b> South East SA (Mount Gambier, SA) South East Telecasters Ltd CD: Cecil Kentish / GM: Keith Bailhache	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 April 1965 Commenced: 25 March 1966
<b>ECN</b> Manning River (Taree, NSW) East Coast Television Ltd CD: James Clarke / GM: Osborne Sutherland	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 September 1965 Commenced: 27 May 1966
<b>FNQ</b> Cairns (Qld) Far Northern Television Ltd CD: William Smith / GM: Herb Lilburn	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 May 1966 Commenced: 7 September 1966
<b>BTW</b> Bunbury (WA) South Western Telecasters Ltd CD: Henry Golding / GM: Brian Hopwood	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 March 1967 Commenced: 10 March 1967
<b>MVQ</b> Mackay (Qld) Mackay Television Ltd CD: Henry Manning / GM: Maitland Low	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 August 1968 Commenced: 9 August 1968
<b>BKN</b> Broken Hill (NSW) Broken Hill Television Ltd CD: Peter Martin / GM: Michael Hennessy	Decision: 16 September 1963 Granted: 1 April 1968 Commenced: 16 August 1968

<b>Call sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>GTS</b> Spencer Gulf (Port Pirie, SA) Spencer Gulf Telecasters Ltd CD: Henry Welch / GM: Bryce Radford	Decision: 2 December 1965 Granted: 1 February 1968 Commenced: 1 March 1968
<b>GSW</b> Southern Agricultural (Albany, WA) South Western Telecasters Ltd CD: Henry Golding / GM: Brian Hopwood	Decision: 20 April 1966 Granted: 1 March 1967 Commenced: 23 August 1968

Key to abbreviations:

CD: Chairman of Directors

MD: Managing Director

GM: General/Station Manager

Appendix 1.4. Stage 6 licencing/establishment, 1970-77

The following table lists Stage 6 licencing and establishment details, 1970-77.<sup>5</sup>

<b>Call sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>VEW</b> Kalgoorlie (WA) Mid-Western Television P/L CD: Herb Lilburn / GM: Peter Benson	Decision: 29 September 1970 Granted: 1 June 1971 Commenced: 9 December 1971
<b>ITQ</b> Mount Isa (Qld) Mount Isa Television P/L CD: Asher Joel / GM: Noel Hill	Decision: 29 September 1970 Granted: 1 July 1971 Commenced: 11 September 1971
<b>NTD</b> Darwin (NT) Territory Television P/L CD: John Hickman / GM: Fred Yates	Decision: 29 September 1970 Granted: 1 November 1971 Commenced: 11 November 1971
<b>RTS</b> Loxton/Renmark (SA) Riverland Television Ltd CD: W. Gilmore Taylor / GM: Kerry Green	Decision: mid-1975 <sup>6</sup> Granted: 1 November 1976 Commenced: 26 November 1976
<b>GTW</b> Geraldton (WA) Geraldton Telecasters P/L CD: William (Bill) Newbold	Decision: 4 April 1975 Granted: 1 September 1976 Commenced: 21 January 1977

Key to abbreviations:

CD: Chairman of Directors

MD: Managing Director

GM: General/Station Manager

Appendix 1.5. Metropolitan network arrangements, 1957-88

The following table lists metropolitan network arrangements, 1957-88.

<b>Network</b>	<b>Member Stations</b>
<b>Network arrangements, 1957</b>	
Warner/Henderson group	ATN, GTV
Packer/Williams group	TCN, HSV
<b>Network arrangements, 1960</b>	
Network 7	ATN, GTV, BTQ, ADS
Channel 9 Network	TCN, HSV, QTQ, NWS
<b>Network arrangements, 1963<sup>7</sup></b>	
Australian Television Network (Seven)	ATN, HSV, BTQ, ADS
National Television Network <sup>8</sup> (Nine)	TCN, GTV, QTQ, NWS
<b>Network arrangements, 1966</b>	
Australian Television Network (Seven)	ATN, HSV, BTQ, ADS, TVW
National Television Network (Nine)	TCN, GTV, QTQ, NWS, STW
Independent Television System (0-10)	TEN, ATV, TVQ, SAS
<b>Network arrangements, 1971</b>	
Network 7 (Seven)	ATN, HSV, BTQ, ADS, TVW
National Nine Network (Nine)	TCN, GTV, QTQ, NWS, STW
The 0-10 Network (0-10)	TEN, ATV, TVQ, SAS
<b>Network arrangements, 1987</b>	
Australian Television Network (Seven)	ATN, HSV, BTQ, SAS, TVW
National Nine Network (Nine)	TCN, GTV, QTQ, NWS, STW
Network Ten (Ten)	TEN, ATV, TVQ, ADS
<b>Network arrangements, 1988</b>	
Australian Television Network (Seven)	ATN, HSV, BTQ, SAS, TVW
National Nine Network (Nine)	TCN, GTV, QTQ, NWS, STW
Network Ten (Ten)	TEN, ATV, TVQ, ADS, NEW

Appendix 1.6. Population by area

The following tables list population details for each regional commercial television licence area at the time of application.<sup>9</sup> Stage 3, 4 and 6 breakdowns have been provided for comparative purposes.

**Summary**

<b>Average</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Overlap</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Stage 3 licence areas	134,038	17,308	151,346
Stage 4 licence areas	54,900	8,025	59,100
Stage 6 licence areas	24,400	0	24,400

<b>Stage 3 licence areas<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Overlap</b>	<b>Gross<sup>11</sup></b>
Canberra (ACT)	79,500	0	79,500
Newcastle (NSW)	369,000	12,000	381,000
Illawarra (Wollongong, NSW)	139,500	20,500	160,000
Richmond-Tweed (Lismore, NSW)	114,000	4,000	118,000
Central Tablelands (Orange, NSW)	178,000	0	178,000
Ballarat (Vic)	173,500	38,500	212,000
Bendigo (Vic)	88,000	64,000	152,000
Latrobe Valley (Traralgon, Vic)	76,000	43,000	119,000
Goulburn Valley (Shepparton, Vic)	95,000	26,000	121,000
Darling Downs (Toowoomba, Qld)	115,000	17,000	132,000
Rockhampton (Qld)	76,000	0	76,000
Townsville (Qld)	85,000	0	85,000
NE Tasmania (Launceston, Tas)	154,000	0	154,000

<b>Stage 4 licence areas<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Overlap</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Upper Namoi (Tamworth, NSW)	97,000	15,500	105,000
South West Slopes (Wagga Wagga, NSW)	85,000	26,000	98,000
Grafton-Kempsey (Coffs Harbour, NSW)	77,000	16,000	85,000
Upper Murray (Albury, NSW)	93,000	53,000	120,000
Wide Bay (Maryborough, Qld)	75,000	0	75,000
Manning River (Taree, NSW)	50,000	0	50,000
Central Western Slopes (Dubbo, NSW)	58,000	32,000	74,000
Murrumbidgee (Griffith, NSW)	52,000	12,000	58,000
Broken Hill (NSW)	34,000	0	34,000
Bega-Cooma (NSW)	30,000	0	30,000
Mildura (Vic)	38,000	0	38,000
Murray Valley (Swan Hill, Vic)	33,000	0	33,000
Cairns (Qld)	60,000	0	60,000
Mackay (Qld)	45,000	0	45,000
Southern Downs	45,000	0	45,000
Mount Gambier (SA)	48,000	0	48,000
Bunbury (WA)	32,000	0	32,000
Southern Agricultural (Albany, WA)	38,000	0	38,000
Central Agricultural (WA)	30,000	6,000	36,000
Spencer Gulf North (Port Pirie, SA)	78,000	0	78,000

<b>Stage 6 licence areas<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Overlap</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Mount Isa (Qld)	21,000	0	21,000
Darwin (NT)	32,000	0	32,000
Kalgoorlie (WA)	24,000	0	24,000
Renmark/Loxton (SA)	25,000	0	25,000
Geraldton (WA)	20,000	0	20,000

## Appendix 1.7. Studio locations

The following table lists original studio locations for regional commercial television stations.<sup>14</sup>

Station	Studio
<b>Stage 3 stations</b>	
CTC Canberra <sup>15</sup>	Black Mountain, Canberra ACT 2600
NBN Newcastle	Mosbri Crescent, Newcastle NSW 2300
WIN Illawarra	Fort Drummond, Mount Saint Thomas NSW 2500
RTN Richmond-Tweed	Bruxner Highway, Goonellabah NSW 2480
CBN Central Tablelands	Bathurst Road, Orange NSW 2800
BTV Ballarat	Walker Street, Ballarat Vic 3350
BCV Bendigo	Lily Street, Bendigo Vic 3550
GLV Latrobe Valley	Princes Highway, Traralgon Vic 3844
GMV Goulburn Valley	Wyndham Street, Shepparton Vic 3630
DDQ Darling Downs	Video Avenue, Mount Lofty Qld 4300
RTQ Rockhampton	Dean Street, Rockhampton Qld 4700
TNQ Townsville <sup>16</sup>	Mount Stuart, Mount Stuart Qld 4811
TNT NE Tasmania	Watchorn Street, Launceston Tas 7250
<b>Stage 4 stations</b>	
RVN South Western Slopes	Lake Albert Road, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
AMV Upper Murray	Union Road, Lavington NSW 2641
NRN Grafton-Kempsey	Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
NEN Upper Namoi	New England Highway, Calala NSW 2340
WBQ Wide Bay	Cambridge Street, Maryborough Qld 4650
ECN Manning River	Cowper Street, Taree NSW 2430
CWN Central Western Slopes <sup>17</sup>	See CBN Central Tablelands
MTN Murrumbidgee Irrigation	Remembrance Drive, Griffith NSW 2680
BKN Broken Hill	Rocky Hill, Broken Hill NSW 2880
STV Mildura	18 Deakin Avenue, Mildura Vic 3500
FNQ Cairns	Aumuller Street, Cairns Qld 4870
MVQ Mackay	216 Victoria Street, Mackay Qld 4740
SDQ Southern Downs <sup>18</sup>	See DDQ Darling Downs
SES SE South Australia	John Watson Drive, Mount Gambier SA 5290
BTW Bunbury <sup>19</sup>	Roberts Crescent, Bunbury WA 6230
GSW Southern Agricultural	See BTW Bunbury
GTS Spencer Gulf North	76 Wandearah Road, Port Pirie SA 5540
<b>Stage 6 stations</b>	
VEW Kalgoorlie	2 Killarney Street, Kalgoorlie WA, 6432
ITQ Mount Isa	100 Camooweal Street, Mount Isa Qld, 4825 <sup>20</sup>
NTD Darwin	6 Blake Street, Darwin NT, 0800 <sup>21</sup>
GTW Geraldton	Wonthella Memorial Hall, Geraldton WA, 6530 <sup>22</sup>
RTS Renmark/Loxton	Murray Bridge Road, Loxton SA, 5333 <sup>23</sup>

Appendix 1.8. Transmission sites

The following table lists the transmission sites for regional commercial television stations.<sup>24</sup>

(V) indicates vertical polarisation

(H) indicates horizontal polarisation

(ABC) indicates transmission facilities co-sited with ABC

\* Transmission facilities co-sited with studio

Station	Transmission site
<b>Stage 3 stations</b>	
CTC Canberra (V)	Black Mountain *
NBN Newcastle (H)	Mount Sugarloaf
WIN Illawarra (H)	Knights Hill
RTN Richmond-Tweed (H)	Mount Matheson <sup>25</sup>
CBN Central Tablelands (V)	Mount Canobolas
BTV Ballarat (H)	Lookout Hill
BCV Bendigo (V)	Mount Alexander
GLV Latrobe Valley (H)	Mount Tassie
GMV Goulburn Valley (V)	Mount Major
DDQ Darling Downs (H)	Mount Mowbullen
RTQ Rockhampton (H)	Mount Hopeful
TNQ Townsville (H)	Mount Stuart *
TNT NE Tasmania (H)	Mount Barrow
<b>Stage 4 stations</b>	
RVN South West Slopes (H)	Mount Ulandra (not shared)
AMV Upper Murray (H)	Baranduda Ranges
NRN Grafton-Kempsey (H)	Mount Moombil
NEN Upper Namoi (H)	Mount Dowe
WBQ Wide Bay (V)	Mount Goonaneman
ECN Manning River (V)	Middle Brother
CWN Central Western Slopes (V)	Mount Cenn-Cruaich
MTN Murrumbidgee Irrigation (H)	Mount Bingar
BKN Broken Hill (V)	Rocky Hill *
STV Mildura (H)	Yatpool
FNQ Cairns (H)	Hartley Street Cairns * <sup>26</sup>
MVQ Mackay (H)	Mount Blackwood
SDQ Southern Downs (H)	Passchendale Ridge
SES SE South Australia (H)	Mount Burr
BTW Bunbury (H)	Mount Lennard
GSW Southern Agricultural (V)	Mount Barker
GTS Spencer Gulf North (V)	The Bluff
<b>Stage 6 stations</b>	
VEW Kalgoorlie (H)	Peter's Hill, 6.4km NW of Kalgoorlie (ABC) <sup>27</sup>
ITQ Mount Isa (H)	2.4km SE of Mount Isa
NTD Darwin (H)	Blake Street, near Botanic Gardens, Darwin
GTW Geraldton (H)	9.7km NE of Geraldton
RTS Renmark/Loxton (V)	4km WNW of Loxton

Appendix 1.9. Commercial and ABC station establishment, 1961-77

The following table lists the commencement of both commercial and ABC television stations in regional areas.<sup>28</sup>

**Note:** The first station to commence in each area is indicated by shading.

Area	Commercial	ABC
<b>Stage 3 stations</b>		
Ballarat	27 April 1962 (BTV)	20 May 1963 (ABRV)
Bendigo	23 December 1961 (BCV)	29 April 1963 (ABEV)
Canberra	2 June 1962 (CTC)	18 December 1962 (ABC)
Central Tablelands	17 March 1962 (CBN)	31 March 1964 (ABCN)
Darling Downs	13 July 1963 (DDQ)	16 December 1963 (ABDQ)
Gippsland	9 December 1961 (GLV)	30 September 1963 (ABLV)
Goulburn Valley	23 December 1961 (GMV)	28 November 1963 (ABGV)
Illawarra	18 March 1962 (WIN)	28 October 1963 (ABWN)
Newcastle	4 March 1962 (NBN)	5 June 1963 (ABHN)
North East Tasmania	26 May 1962 (TNT)	29 July 1963 (ABNT)
Richmond-Tweed	12 May 1962 (RTN)	20 April 1964 (ABRN)
Rockhampton	7 September 1963 (RTQ)	12 December 1963 (ABRQ)
Townsville	1 November 1962 (TNQ)	21 September 1964 (ABTQ)
<b>Stage 4 stations</b>		
Broken Hill	16 August 1968 (BKN)	14 December 1965 (ABLN)
Bunbury	10 March 1967 (BTW)	10 May 1965 (ABSW)
Cairns	7 September 1966 (FNQ)	25 July 1966 (ABNQ)
Central West Slopes	1 December 1965 (CWN)	12 September 1966 (ABQN)
Grafton-Kempsey	23 January 1965 (NRN)	28 June 1965 (ABDN)
Mackay	9 August 1968 (MVQ)	21 December 1967 (ABMQ)
Manning River	27 May 1966 (ECN)	20 April 1964 (ABTN)
Mildura	27 November 1965 (STV)	22 November 1965 (ABMV)
Murrumbidgee	15 December 1965 (MTN)	25 July 1966 (ABGN)
South East SA	25 March 1966 (SES)	3 December 1965 (ABGS)
South West Slopes	19 June 1964 (RVN)	30 April 1965 (ABMN)
Southern Agricultural	23 August 1968 (GSW)	6 June 1966 (ABAW)
Southern Downs	26 February 1966 (SDQ)	4 July 1966 (ABSQ)
Spencer Gulf North	1 March 1968 (GTS)	10 April 1965 (ABNS)
Upper Murray	7 September 1964 (AMV)	15 December 1964 (ABAV)
Upper Namoi	10 April 1965 (NEN)	27 September 1965 (ABUN)
Wide Bay	10 April 1965 (WBQ)	8 October 1965 (ABWQ)
<b>Stage 6 stations</b>		
Darwin	11 November 1971 (NTD)	7 May 1971 (ABD)
Geraldton	21 January 1977 (GTW)	8 December 1969 (ABGW)
Kalgoorlie	18 June 1971 (VEW)	27 January 1970 (ABKW)
Mount Isa	11 September 1971 (ITQ)	21 December 1970 (ABIQ)
Renmark/Loxton	26 November 1976 (RTS)	20 January 1971 (ABRS)

Appendix 1.10. RCTS licencing/establishment, 1986-88

The following table lists RCTS licencing and establishment details, 1986-88.<sup>29</sup>

<b>Call sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>WAW</b> Western Australia Golden West Satellite Communications P/L	Decision: 3 September 1986 Effective: 30 September 1986 Commenced: 18 October 1986
<b>IMP</b> Central Australia Imparja Television P/L	Decision: 3 September 1986 Effective: 1 January 1988 Commenced: 17 January 1988
<b>QQQ</b> North Eastern Australia Queensland Satellite Television P/L <sup>30</sup>	Decision: 3 September 1986 Effective: 30 June 1987 Commenced: 29 April 1988
South Eastern Australia <sup>31</sup> Satellite South East P/L  The North Eastern and Central Australia service areas were extended to include South Eastern Australia from 1 January 1988.	Decision: 3 September 1986 Effective: 30 June 1987 Commenced: N/A

Appendix 1.11. Licence consolidation, 1987-92

The following table lists regional commercial television licence consolidation dates, 1987-92.<sup>32</sup>

<b>Regional Queensland</b>		
FNQ Cairns	TNQ Regional Queensland	10 January 1989
TNQ Townsville		
RTQ Rockhampton	RTQ Regional Queensland	24 April 1991
DDQ Darling Downs		
SDQ Southern Downs <sup>33</sup>		
SEQ Wide Bay	STQ Regional Queensland	14 September 1992
MVQ Mackay		
<b>Northern New South Wales</b>		
NEN Upper Namoi	NEN Northern NSW	1 December 1987 <sup>34</sup>
ECN Manning River		
NRN Grafton-Kempsey	NRN Northern NSW	8 May 1991
RTN Richmond-Tweed		
<b>Southern New South Wales/ACT</b>		
CBN Central Tablelands	CBN Southern NSW and ACT	10 January 1989
CWN Central Western Slopes <sup>35</sup>		
RVN South Western Slopes and Eastern Riverina		9 December 1991
<b>Regional Victoria</b>		
BTV Ballarat	RTV (later VTV) Regional Victoria <sup>36</sup>	10 January 1989
GMV Goulburn Valley		
<b>Regional Western Australia</b>		
BTW Bunbury	SSW South West and Great Southern	4 April 1990
GSW Southern		

Appendix 1.12. Supplementary licences (s36), 1996-98

The following table lists supplementary licences granted under Section 36 of the *Broadcasting Services Act* between 1996-98.<sup>37</sup>

<b>Call sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>AMN</b> Griffith/MIA <sup>38</sup> MTN Television P/L	Decision: 1 July 1996 Granted: 18 July 1996 Commenced: 5 October 1997
<b>PTV</b> Mildura Prime Television (Victoria) P/L <sup>39</sup>	Decision: 29 October 1996 Granted: 7 January 1997 Commenced: 1 July 1997
<b>TND</b> Darwin Regional Television P/L <sup>40</sup>	Decision: 29 October 1996 Granted: 29 January 1997 Commenced: 27 March 1998
<b>WOW</b> Remote & Regional Western Australia WIN Television WA P/L	Decision: 1 April 1998 Granted: 28 May 1998 Commenced: 26 March 1999

Appendix 1.13. Supplementary licences (s38A), 2002

The following table lists supplementary licences granted under Section 38A of the *Broadcasting Services Act* in 2002.<sup>41</sup>

<b>Call sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>SCN</b> Broken Hill (NSW) Broken Hill Television Pty Ltd (Southern Cross)	Decision: 23 April 2002 Commenced: 16 December 2003
<b>SGS</b> Spencer Gulf (Port Pirie, SA) Spencer Gulf Telecasters Pty Ltd (Southern Cross)	Decision: 23 April 2002 Commenced: 31 December 2003
<b>LRS</b> Riverland (Loxton/Renmark, SA) WIN Television SA Pty Ltd	Decision: 23 April 2002 Commenced: 1 January 2004
<b>MGS</b> South East SA (Mount Gambier, SA) WIN Television SA Pty Ltd	Decision: 23 April 2002 Commenced: 1 January 2004

Appendix 1.14. Supplementary licences (s38B), 2002-11

The following table lists supplementary licences granted under section 38B of the *Broadcasting Services Act, 2002-11*.<sup>42</sup>

<b>Call-sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>TDT</b> Tasmania TasTV P/L (WIN/Southern Cross JV) <sup>43</sup>	Decision: 21 November 2002 Commenced: 1 January 2004 <sup>44</sup>
<b>MDV</b> Mildura Mildura Digital Television P/L (Prime/WIN JV)	Decision: 27 January 2005 <sup>45</sup> Commenced: 1 January 2006
<b>DTD</b> Darwin Darwin Digital Television P/L (Nine/SCB JV)	Decision: 10 May 2007 Commenced: 28 April 2008
<b>SDW</b> South West and Great Southern West Digital Television P/L (Prime/WIN JV)	Decision: 11 June 2009 Commenced: 10 June 2010
<b>GDW</b> Geraldton West Digital Television No. 2 P/L (Prime/WIN JV)	Decision: 11 June 2009 Commenced: 10 June 2010
<b>VDW</b> Kalgoorlie West Digital Television No. 3 P/L (Prime/WIN JV)	Decision: 11 June 2009 Commenced: 10 June 2010
<b>WDW</b> Western Zone West Digital Television No. 4 P/L (Prime/WIN JV)	Decision: 11 June 2009 Commenced: 10 June 2010
<b>BDN</b> Broken Hill Broken Hill Television P/L (Southern Cross)	Decision: 14 October 2010 Commenced: 31 October 2010
<b>GDS</b> Spencer Gulf (Port Pirie) Spencer Gulf Telecasters P/L (Southern Cross)	Decision: 14 October 2010 Commenced: 31 October 2010
<b>RDS</b> Riverland (Loxton/Renmark) <b>SDS</b> South East SA (Mount Gambier) WIN Television SA P/L	Decision: 1 December 2010 Commenced: 6 December 2010
<b>CDT</b> Central & Eastern Australia <b>IDQ</b> Mount Isa Central Digital Television P/L (Imparja/SCA JV)	Decision: 4 May 2010 Commenced: 2 May 2011
<b>MDN</b> Griffith/MIA WIN Television Griffith P/L	Decision: 16 June 2011 Commenced: 13 January 2012

Appendix 1.15. Supplementary licences (s38C), 2010-11

The following table lists supplementary licences granted under section 38C of the *Broadcasting Services Act, 2010-11*.<sup>46</sup>

<b>Call-sign / Licence / Licensee</b>	<b>Key dates</b>
<b>VAN</b> Northern Australia <b>VAS</b> South Eastern Australia Eastern Australia Satellite Broadcasters P/L <sup>47</sup> (Imparja/Nine JV)	Commenced: 15 December 2010 <sup>48</sup>
<b>SVW</b> Western Australia WA Satco P/L <sup>49</sup> (Prime/WIN JV)	Commenced: 31 July 2011 <sup>50</sup>

## Notes

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- <sup>1</sup> Applications were invited twice in these areas for a range of reasons.
- <sup>2</sup> Applications did not proceed in these areas for a range of reasons. Stations were later served by translator stations from adjoining markets.
- <sup>3</sup> ABCB, 1960b; ABCB, 1961, p. 34; ABCB, 1962a, p. 27; ABCB, 1963a, p. 31; NAA/ACT: A5818, VOLUME 20/AGENDUM 865: CD No. 1091, 28/10/1960.
- <sup>4</sup> ABCB, 1962b; ABCB, 1963b; ABCB, 1965b; ABCB, 1966b; ABCB, 1964, p. 39; ABCB, 1965a, p. 34; ABCB, 1966a, p. 42; ABCB, 1967, p. 52; ABCB, 1968, p. 61; ABCB, 1969, p. 73; NAA/ACT: A5819, VOLUME 10/AGENDUM 384: CD No. 452, 19/9/1962; NAA/ACT: A5819, VOLUME 22/AGENDUM 868: CD No. 1014, 16/9/1963; NAA/ACT: A5827, VOLUME 37/AGENDUM 1167: CD No. 1427, 2/12/1965; NAA/ACT: A5841, 109: CD No. 177, 20/4/1966.
- <sup>5</sup> ABCB, 1970b; ABCB, 1975b; ABCB, 1975c; ABCB, 1971, p. 83; ABCB, 1972, p. 68; ABCB, 1975a, pp. 77-78; NAA/ACT: A5869, 515: CD No. 697, 29/9/1970; NAA/NSW: C4693, 96/217: ABCB, GTW file; NAA/NSW: C4693, 96/221: ABCB, RTS file.
- <sup>6</sup> ABCB, 1976, pp. 89-91. The decision to grant the licence to RVL was made by Moss Cass who was the Whitlam government's Minister for the Media from 6/6-11/11 1975. RVL was informed of the Minister's decision on 25/8/1975.
- <sup>7</sup> BTCE, 1996a, p. 41.
- <sup>8</sup> *AWW*, 18/12/1963, p. 17. This article references the "National Nine Network" which indicates this moniker was in use by that time.
- <sup>9</sup> The population figures cited by applicants varied considerably, which gives some indication of the difficulties experienced by the ABCB when assessing the financial viability of an area. The Stage 3 and four data has been extracted from an ABCB report titled *The Further Development of Television Services in the Commonwealth - Fourth Stage* which was submitted to the PMG on 30/8/1961. These figures enable a comparison of areas just prior to the commencement of Stage 3 stations and granting of Stage 4 licences. The Stage 6 data has been extracted from the ABCB's recommendations to the Minister in 1970 and 1975.
- <sup>10</sup> ABCB, 1961.
- <sup>11</sup> The gross population has been calculated by adding half the overlap population to the base (net) population figures, as per the methodology used by the ABCB in its 1961 report.
- <sup>12</sup> ABCB, 1961.
- <sup>13</sup> ABCB, 1970a; ABCB, 1975c; ABCB, 1975d.
- <sup>14</sup> Postcodes were not introduced in Australia until 1967. They have been included here for the purposes of accuracy.
- <sup>15</sup> CTC studio was relocated from Black Mountain to Watson, Canberra in 1974. See CTL, *Annual Report*, 1975.
- <sup>16</sup> TNQ studio was relocated from Mount Stuart to Townsville in 1977. See TQL, *Annual Report*, 1977.
- <sup>17</sup> CWN was operated as a direct relay of CBN Central Tablelands from inception.
- <sup>18</sup> SDQ was operated as a direct relay of DDQ from inception.
- <sup>19</sup> GSW was operated as a direct relay of BTW Bunbury from inception.
- <sup>20</sup> NAA/NSW: C3868, 42: ABCB, Mount Isa Television P/L, ownership and control file.
- <sup>21</sup> *NT News*, 11/11/1971, p. 19.
- <sup>22</sup> [www.wonthellaprogressassociation.org.au](http://www.wonthellaprogressassociation.org.au), accessed 29/10/2018.
- <sup>23</sup> NAA/NSW: B2152, RTS/5 PART 1: ABCB, RTS transfers file.
- <sup>24</sup> ABCB, *Annual Report*, 1977, pp. 86-89.
- <sup>25</sup> RTL, *Annual Report*, 1961. Mount Matheson was known locally (and often referred to in company documents as) Mount Nardi.
- <sup>26</sup> FNQ temporary transmission site was initially established adjacent to the PMG's facilities at Hartley Street Cairns. A permanent transmission site was established at Mount Bellenden-Ker in December 1972.
- <sup>27</sup> NAA/NSW: B2152, VEW/4 PART 1: ABCB, VEW licencing file.
- <sup>28</sup> George Patterson P/L, *Status of the Media*, October 1974, p. 34-36.
- <sup>29</sup> ABT, *Satellite Services Vol. 1*; ABT, *Satellite Services Vol. 2*; ABT, *RCTS First Report*; ABT, *RCTS Second Report*; ABT, *RCTS Third Report*; ABT, *RCTS Fourth Report*; ACMA, *List of Controllers 2013*; AMCA, *List of Controllers, 2015*.
- <sup>30</sup> This consortium, at the time of its formation, comprised the licensee companies of ITQ, MVQ, BTQ, DDQ/SDQ, TNQ/FNQ, RTQ and SEQ (QST 1984, p. 2). By the time of its commencement in 1988, the service was a wholly owned subsidiary of Telecasters North Queensland Ltd (TNQ/FNQ).

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- <sup>31</sup> DOC, *Ownership & Control* Vol. 2, p. 197. Satellite South East P/L comprised the licensee companies for BTV/GMV, CTC, CBN/CWN, MTN, TNT, NBN, NRN/RTN, RMV/AMV, GLV/BCV, STV, NEN/ECN and WIN.
- <sup>32</sup> ABT, *Ownership of Australia's Broadcast Media, 1992*, p. 8.
- <sup>33</sup> The DDQ and SDQ licences were consolidated on 12 December 1990.
- <sup>34</sup> The NEN/ECN licences were originally consolidated as NEN New England/Mid North Coast prior to finalisation of the four Approved Markets for aggregation.
- <sup>35</sup> The CBN and CWN licences were consolidated on 10 January 1989.
- <sup>36</sup> NAA/NSW: C4531, LIC-VTV: VTV licensing, 1981-1992. RTV's call-sign was changed to VTV on 6/2/1990.
- <sup>37</sup> BTCE, *Australian Commercial Television 1986-1995*; ABA, multiple media releases, 1995, 1996, 1998 (refer to bibliography); ACMA, *List of Controllers, 2013*; ACMA, *List of Controllers, 2015*.
- <sup>38</sup> The AMN licence was granted under section 38A of the BSA 1992 which relates to the granting of a second supplementary licence to an existing operator.
- <sup>39</sup> Prime Television (Victoria) P/L was a wholly owned subsidiary of Prime Television Ltd.
- <sup>40</sup> Regional Television P/L was a wholly owned subsidiary of Telecasters Australia Ltd.
- <sup>41</sup> ACMA, multiple media releases 2002-2004; ACMA, *List of Controllers, 2013*; ACMA, *List of Controllers, 2015*.
- <sup>42</sup> ABA, media releases 2005 (refer to bibliography); ACMA, media releases 2009-10 (refer to bibliography); ACMA, *List of Controllers 2013*; ACMA, *List of Controllers 2015*.
- <sup>43</sup> ASIC, *Tasmanian Digital Television P/L*, Current and Historical Company Extract, 10/4/2019. TasTV Pty was renamed Tasmanian Digital Television P/L from 8/1/2014.
- <sup>44</sup> Danny Rose, "New free-to-air digital TV station starts today," *Mercury* (Hobart), 1/1/2004, p. 7.
- <sup>45</sup> ABA, *Annual Report, 2005*, p. 16.
- <sup>46</sup> ACMA, *List of Controllers 2013*; ACMA, *List of Controllers 2015*.
- <sup>47</sup> Eastern Australia Satellite Broadcasters P/L is a joint venture between Imparja Television P/L and Regional Television P/L (a Southern Cross Media Group subsidiary)
- <sup>48</sup> Australian Government, *Viewer Access Satellite Television Service* (fact sheet), February 2011.
- <sup>49</sup> WA Satco P/L is a joint venture between WIN Television WA P/L (a WIN Corporation P/L subsidiary) and Golden West Network P/L (a Prime Media Group subsidiary)
- <sup>50</sup> Australian Government, *Viewer Access Satellite Television for Western Australia* (fact sheet), August 2012.