

Brendon Agpasa
8 Dowding Close,
Fawkner VIC 3060
24 May 2024

The Manager, Broadcasting Carriage Policy Section
Australian Communications and Media Authority

via on-line submission at: <https://www.acma.gov.au/consultations/2024-04/proposal-vary-melbourne-television-licence-area-plan>

Dear Madam/Sir,

Proposal to vary the Melbourne television licence area plan

Brendon Agpasa welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the Proposal to vary the Melbourne television licence area plan Consultation paper.

We propose to vary the Melbourne TLAP to allocate the broadcasting licences for the community television broadcasting service is provided by Melbourne Community Television Consortium Ltd (C31).

Under the long-term arrangements, the transmitter licences of C31 can continue to operate radiocommunications transmitters to provide community television broadcasting services, an alternative use for the spectrum used by the existing community television broadcasting services will be declared, make a determination about the commencement date for the cessation of the transmitter licences for the community television broadcasting services in a prescribed area up to at least 6 months, and the specified day in the determination must be at least 6 months after the date the determination is registered.

The proposed amendments to the Melbourne TLAP are intended to allow C31 to continue to deliver its services beyond the 30 June 2024 expiry date. They would allow C31 to continue to provide services until the day determined by the ACMA under long term plan.

The ACMA is requesting a a community television broadcasting licence used in digital spectrum is needed for another use to transmit C31 from our sites at Mount Dandenong (UHF channel 32) in Victoria at a power of 15kW and South Yarra (UHF channel 42) in Victoria at a power of 6W, we consider that proposal to extend it's broadcast areas of C31 on UHF channel 32 via the Mount Dandenong transmitter from Melbourne, Geelong and surrounding areas to Bacchus Marsh, Melton, Sunbury, Macedon, Gisborne, Woodend, Kyneton, Kilmore, Wallan, Kinglake, Whittlesea, Mernda, South Morang, Hurstbridge, Yarra Glen, Healesville, Yarra Junction, Warburton, Emerald, Gembrook, Coldstream, Woori Yallock, Marysville, Seymour, Broadford, Alexandra, Yea, Mansfield, Castlemaine, Moe, Pakenham, Werribee, Geelong, Portarlington, Queenscliff, Ocean Grove, Torquay, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Lorne, Apollo Bay, West Gippsland, rest of greater Melbourne region, Mornington Peninsula, Phillip Island, rest of Greater Geelong region, Frankston, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, Morwell, Heathcote, Kinglake West, South Yarra, Melbourne CBD, French Island, Rosebud, Mornington, Point Cook, Altona, Williamstown, Belgrave, Warragul, Nar Nar Goon, Drouin and all Melbourne and Geelong suburbs.

On successful completion of the Melbourne TLAP, C31 would ideally wish to continue with an extension of the community TV broadcasting service to over 6 years, with removal of the allotment end dates to extend it's allocation of community TV broadcasting service for greater Melbourne, Geelong, west Gippsland, Apollo Bay, Castlemaine and Moe to transmits in digital via UHF channel 32 (digital TV channel 44) on a TV multiplex in a new and improved licence area plan, on your behalf of C31 Melbourne and Geelong.

Yours sincerely,

Brendon Agpasa