

## The awarding of radio licences

The Independent Communications Authority of SA (Icasa) wants to double the number of available commercial radio licences within the next couple of years. How can we be assured that these licences will be awarded fairly?

There are a number of stations with temporary licences who have been waiting unsuccessfully for approval for a permanent licence for years now (e.g. Radio Veritas). These have been passed over again with the recent awarding of secondary licences.

I'd like to know the criteria for approval of new licences. Surely the popularity of the proposed station should bear weight?

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