

Freeing the air waves

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When the stations were licensed in 1995, there were over a 100 of them. What will happen should ICASA receive say 100 applications? Will they conduct hearings to all these stations?

What will happen should ICASA not respond to these Stations within 30 days?

I hope they won't be seen to be "UNLICENSED" by the Authority.

Is the Authority trying to democratise the air waves like it is in developed countries?

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