



THE NEW FACE OF THE AUTHORITY



The Australian Broadcasting Authority (ABA) came into existence on 5 October 1992. It was created by the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 and is responsible for the regulation of the broadcasting industry. Pictured in the ABA's Sydney office on its first day of operations: l-r, Peter Webb, Member; Senator The Hon. Bob Collins, Minister for Transport and Communications; Brian Johns, Chairman; Tim O'Keefe, Member.

ABA ANNOUNCES LIGHTER BROADCASTING REGULATION

THE NEW AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING AUTHORITY (ABA) HAS ANNOUNCED LIGHTER REGULATION FOR COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS AND CLASS LICENCE HOLDERS.

Changes to the regulation of community broadcasters and class licence holders were announced by the ABA on its first day of operation.

'We need to take a relaxed approach to regulation of these new categories of

service. This is in line with the Act, which relates the degree of regulation to broadcasters' degree of influence,' said Mr Brian Johns, the new ABA Chairman.

Providers of class licensed services (open and subscription narrowcasting services, subscription radio broadcasting services), will only be required to observe standards on discriminatory broadcasts, accuracy and fairness in news and advertising directed at children.

Community broadcasters will also need to observe some classification standards.

Mr Johns also said the ABA had tempo-

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