



## ABA TO MOVE TO DARLING PARK

The ABA is to move to the new Darling Park development on the edge of the Sydney CBD, overlooking Darling Harbour.

The ABA has signed a ten-year lease and will be taking up its new offices in August 1993.

'The ABA is a smaller organisation than its predecessor [the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal] and Darling Park is admirably suited to accommodate the changing functions of the organisation,' said Mr Brian Johns, ABA Chairman.

The ABA conducted a thorough investigation of the property market before choosing Darling Park.

'Darling Park's large, flexible floor plan and high level of technological capabilities will allow the ABA to improve internal communications and become more efficient,' said Mr Johns.

Other important factors in the decision to lease at Darling Park included proximity to broadcasting companies as well as government and public organisations. Darling Park also featured improved access to public transport and better visitor parking than the current North Sydney location.

The new address, phone and fax numbers apply from Monday 2 August: Level 15

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Sydney NSW 2000

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## SA AND WA OFFICES TO CLOSE

The ABA has announced the temporary closure of two of its four offices in Western Australia and South Australia. The closures are a result of early retirements pending a review of staff numbers.

The former Australian Broadcasting Tribunal (ABT) office in Perth closed on 25 June and the Adelaide office will close on 9 July. The public and industry will still be able to obtain information and advice from the Sydney office on freecall (008) 226 667.

These temporary closures do not affect the existing ABA state broadcast engineering offices in WA and SA which will continue to provide the public and industry with technical information.

'These two early retirements in WA and SA should not be interpreted as a formal decision by the ABA to close its

former ABT offices. The future of state offices is to be decided by management in consultation with the staff union,' said Mr Brian Johns, ABA Chairman.

The staffing review follows the introduction last year of the new Broadcasting Services Act which changed many of the functions of the organisation.

'When the ABA was established in October 1992, it inherited the full complement of staff from the former ABT but its functions and budget were altered significantly in line with the new legislation, with the work of the state offices being particularly affected,' said Mr Johns.

'It is regrettable but unavoidable that staff reductions will have to be made. A joint management-union review group considered staff submissions for continuing the state offices, but concluded that budget limitations and the priority for

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resourcing essential functions made it difficult to justify their continued role.'

He said despite the temporary closures, consultation is important to the ABA which will continue to canvass industry and the public on licensing and programs issues.

'Also, over the next two and a half years we will have teams in the field visiting most regions of Australia to discuss radio and television services as part of the current planning initiative,' Mr Johns said.

Further announcements about the outcome of the staffing review and other regional offices will be made as they arise.

