

# Australian Broadcasting Authority

## BRIEFING NOTES

### Explorer allocated cable pay TV licence

The ABA has allocated a licence for a non-satellite pay TV broadcasting service to Explorer Channel Pty Limited. *See page 2.*

### Kids are discriminating viewers

Results of a major research project by the ABA demonstrates that primary school children make active choices about programs and exercise self-censorship about things that concern them. *See page 3.*

### ABA proposes new commercial television and radio licences

The ABA has proposed a new commercial television licence be made available in the Griffith and Murrumbidgee Irrigation region of NSW and in the Mildura/Sunraysia area. *See page 5.*

### Children's TV to be broadcast nationwide

During March 1995 every metropolitan and regional network throughout Australia will allocate a school-hours time slot each day the Festival of Television for Australian Children Conference. *See page 8.*

### Converging telecommunications and broadcasting in the South Pacific

Pacific Island governments, although restricted by the high cost of providing telecommunications services, have a strong interest in boosting the level of local content on their broadcasting services. *See page 13*

### Communications a 'seamless web'


Jonathan Levy of the US Federal Communications Commission outlines the major communications issues confronting the US broadcasting regulator. *See page 14.*

### Broadcasting regulation in South Africa

The Independent Broadcasting Authority of South Africa is starting a basis for planning new independent broadcasting services in South Africa. The ABA's Colin Knowles was there recently to provide assistance and advice. *See page 15.*

### Maintaining French culture on the airwaves

François Hurard of the French Conseil Supérieur de L'Audio-visuel discusses the French system of broadcasting regulation. *See page 16*



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