

channel. This is a change from earlier attention to the possibility of using broadcasting channels for the return path.

Most, if not all, delegates are sympathetic to the need for return radio frequency channels for interactive television but, because of heavy radio frequency (RF) congestion already, would prefer use of non-RF communications channels such as telephone lines or coaxial or fibre optic cables as the return medium. These questions have yet to be resolved, but have been asked of each working party and task group in the study group.

STEREOSCOPIC TELEVISION

The study group was also reminded that each working party and task group is to consider recommendations for common standards for stereoscopic television (that is, stereophonic *sound* for television) in analog and digital television systems. This will have particular relevance to new systems and is of importance in determining the sound encoding system for digital television systems.

REPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL TASK GROUP AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

Reports from each of the task groups and working party meetings attended by the Australian delegates are held in Planning Branch of the ABA as well as the report of the delegation leader to the Australian administration, the SMA. As these tend to go into great technical detail, they have not been widely distributed.

If a copy of any report is required contact Bob Greeney (06-256 2851) or Reji Mathew (06-256 2845).

WORLDWIDE STANDARDS

Australian participation in these meetings has led to the inclusion of material from Australian experience in new studies for the planning and implementation of enhanced analog television systems and in the planning and implementation of digital television services.

The outputs of this series of block meetings of the study groups is showing convergence towards acceptable worldwide standards for enhanced as well as digital television services, which has been the goal of participating administrations for some time. ☐

ABA VISITS ALBURY, DENILIQIN, SHEPPARTON, WANGARATTA

Representatives of the ABA visited Albury, Deniliquin, Shepparton and Wangaratta in the week commencing 7 November 1994.

The ABA met with interested persons, discussing possible additional radio services and options for improved reception of existing radio services in the region.

This visit was part of the ABA's national planning process for radio services, which involve wide public consultation.

The ABA has begun the development of licence area plans for radio services in the Albury, Shepparton and Wangaratta areas with a call for public submissions.

For the purposes of the ABA's spectrum planning process, the Albury,

Shepparton and Wangaratta zone refers to a large area of Victoria and New South Wales within the licence areas of Albury-based services 2AY/2AAY, Shepparton-based services 3SR and 3SUN and Wangaratta-based service 3NE. This area is in the ABA's second priority group.

Written submissions are invited. The closing date is 16 December 1994. Submissions, quoting file number 93/7720, should be addressed to the Planning Officer for Albury, Shepparton and Wangaratta, ABA, PO Box 34, Belconnen, ACT 2616. An information booklet is available to help prepare written submissions and can be obtained by writing to the above address or telephoning 008 810 241. ☐

ABA TRAVELS TO TAIWAN, HONG KONG

Fiona Chisholm, Manager, Policy Section, visited Taiwan and Hong Kong on behalf of the ABA in September and October. The purpose of the visit was to establish new contacts and develop existing relationships with government agencies and industry bodies. The visit also provided the opportunity to examine satellite operations within the region.

Ms Chisholm attended the Taipei Telecom '94 and the Taipei Broadcast '94 exhibitions at the Work Trade Centre

in Taipei. Also in Taipei Ms Chisholm met with representatives of MGM, Pohsin Entertainment Incorporated, China Television Company, and United Advertising Company. She also visited the Broadcasting Corporation of China and was briefed on their operations.

In Hong Kong Ms Chisholm met with representatives of the Office of the Telecommunications Authority, Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority and the Government Secretariat of Recreation and Culture. ☐

PROGRAMS GRANTED C OR P CLASSIFICATIONS

Programs granted a C or P classification by the ABA between 17 October 1994 and 15 November 1994. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist on (02) 334 7830.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Clas</i>	<i>New/ renewal</i>	<i>Decision date</i>	<i>Applicant</i>
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	USA	C	new	21.10.1994	Southern Television Corporation Pty Ltd
Doug (Series 2)	USA	C	new	3.11.1994	Network TEN
Ira Sleeps Over	USA	C	new	3.11.1994	Southern Television Corporation Pty Ltd
Total Recall	Australia	C	new	7.11.1994	PRO Television Pty Ltd

CAD C Australian drama **PRC** Provisional C **Clas.** Classification