



BRIEFING NOTES

TEMPORARY PERMIT

The ABA had no grounds to extend HITZ-FM's temporary transmission permit, which expired on Saturday 12 March. HITZ-FM is an aspiring community broadcaster which had been testing across Melbourne since 8 December last year. See p.2

CABLE TV

The ABA has allocated licences for pay TV broadcasting services to Cable Television Services Pty Ltd (CTS). CTS has indicated it intends to deliver pay TV services via Telecom's Laser Cast hybrid cable system to Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide and Perth. See p.3

PAY TV LITIGATION ENDS

Two legal actions seeking review of the ABA's decision to allocate subscription satellite television licences A and B were dismissed by the consent of all parties on 11 March 1994. See p. 3

SIPHONING INVESTIGATION

The ABA has met with representatives of sporting bodies and consumer groups before preparing its report to the Minister, due on 26 April. The ABA is investigating which events of national or cultural importance should continue to be available on free-to-air television. See p.3

EFFECT OF HIGH RISE ON TV & RADIO RECEPTION

Why is radio and television reception not as good as it used to be? Urban sprawl, 'electrical noise' and high rise development in the cities and towns all play a part. See p.6

Australian Broadcasting Authority

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION REVENUE CONTINUES TO GROW

Total advertising revenue for commercial television increased by nearly 10 per cent to \$1868.4m in 1992-93, compared with an 8.3 per cent increase in the previous year. See p.9

SNAPSHOT OF AUSTRALIAN AND IMPORTED PROGRAMMING

In 1992, overseas drama programs far outnumbered Australian which made up 9.2 per cent of all Australian programs broadcast in Sydney in the 6 a.m. to midnight period. Overseas drama represents the major category of imported programs, comprising 66.7 per cent of all imported programming in the same time slot. See p.11

ABA PROPOSAL FOR SELF REGULATION OF LOW POWER INFORMATION SERVICES

The ABA's discussion paper on self regulation of low power open narrowcasting information services was released on 21 December 1993. Industry generally supports self regulation, with some conditions attached. See p.14

PROPOSED FOOTBALL BROADCASTS BY COMMUNITY RADIO

The ABA is considering an application from Melbourne community radio station 3INR as to its entitlement to broadcast certain Australian Football League games this season. See p.18

Head Office

Sydney

Level 15, Darling Park
201 Sussex Street
Sydney, NSW 2000
Tel: (02) 334 7700
1 800 22 6667
Fax: (02) 334 7799
DX 11531 Sydney Down-
town
Postal address:
PO Box Q500
Queen Victoria Building,
NSW 2000

Canberra

Blue Building
Benjamin Offices
Chan Street
Belconnen, ACT 2617
Tel: (06) 256 2800
Fax: (06) 253 3277
Postal address:
PO Box 34
Belconnen, ACT 2616

State Broadcasting Engineers

Tas

4th Floor
3 Brooke Street
Hobart, Tas 7000
Tel: (002) 20 5274