



## Australian Broadcasting Authority

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### BRIEFING NOTES

#### **NARROWCASTING DISCUSSION PAPER**

Narrowcasting is a new type of service introduced by the Broadcasting Services Act in 1992. The ABA has released the discussion paper to assist potential radio narrowcasters and other radio service providers to better understand the category definitions. See p.9-13

#### **CABLE PAY TV LICENCES**

The ABA has allocated 18 licences for pay TV broadcasting services to Pacific Media Telecommunications Pty Limited. The ABA has now issued a total of 88 cable pay TV licences. See p.2

#### **DIGITAL SOUND BROADCASTING**

The Department of Communications and the Arts' Communications Laboratory is currently evaluating the next generation of radio broadcasting technology, known as digital sound broadcasting. See p.6

#### **BCOP AND TVOCP TRAINING**

From 1 April 1994, administration of the Broadcast Operators Certificate of Proficiency and the Television Operators Certificate of Proficiency has moved to a steering committee. Members of the steering committee are drawn from commercial television and commercial radio industries, the ABC, the SBS, the Public Sector Union and the relevant Technical Training Institutes. See p.8

#### **PAN ASIA SATELLITE AND CABLE TELEVISION CONFERENCE**

Satellite and cable broadcasters must localise their services through strong local partners, was the message at the 1994 Pan Asia Satellite and Cable Television conference. See p.5

#### **SIPHONING**

The ABA received more than 70 submissions as part of its siphoning investigation. The ABA is investigating which events of national or cultural importance should continue to be available on free-to-air television. See p.2

#### **3MP/3EE REPORT**

Following the launch of a new format for former Melbourne commercial radio service 3EE on 26 March 1994, which ended a period of simulcasting with 3MP, the ABA has decided to impose no penalty on the owners' failure to comply with its notices. See p.8

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