

News Update

inclusion of the emmission standards for FM radio, AM radio and UHF-VHF television services.

The ABA expects to circulate the revised draft guidelines for comment early in 1995, allowing a four-week period for comment.

ABA visits Illawong school

SYDNEY: On 1 December 1994, Milica Loncar and Gillian Ramsay, both researchers with the ABA, were invited to visit Illawong Public School



in southern Sydney to talk to Year 6 students about television and the media. Both Ms Loncar and Ms Ramsay were co-authors of 'Cool' or 'Gross': Children's Attitudes to Violence, Kissing and Swearing on Television, which was published by the ABA in October 1994.

This monograph was the result of a year long research project which surveyed children in NSW schools on their views about television. Year 6 students at Illawong Public School had been studying media issues and were keen to find out more about what the ABA does and issues about children and television.

The students were encouraged to give their views on a wide variety of topics such as program ratings, the classification system, what sort of programs they liked or disliked, whether there were any rules in their household about watching television and what they thought about the news and current affairs. Parts of the questionnaire that were used in the kids research were also used with these Year 6 students.

Full copies of the questionnaire were made available to the school for future use by the teachers in Media Studies discussions. A clip from a C classified program was also shown to the students followed by a general discussion about the purpose of C programs on television. Both the teachers and the students enjoyed the visit from the ABA and the contribution to ideas for future class room discussions about television and the media.

As part of the ABA's commitment to consultation with the community and the broadcasting industry, the ABA's research section is available to present similar overviews of its research program to other educational institutions, as well as to other interested organisations.

Programs granted C or P classifications

Programs granted a C or P classification by the ABA between 15 November 1994 and 6 December 1994. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Liz Gilchrist on (02) 334 7830.

Title	Origin	Clas	New/ renewal	Decision date	Applicant
MAP RAP	Australia	C	new	24.11.94	The Seven Network Limited
CAD CAustral	lian drama PRC	Provisi	onal C Clas	. Classification	