

the list one week after an event has taken place; and
 c) altering the condition on subscription licences that prevents acquisition of rights to listed events before a free-to-air broadcaster has acquired the rights, so that acquisition has to be by a national broadcaster or by commercial broadcasters reaching more than 50 per cent of the Australian population.

Conclusion

The Australian Government is committed to upholding the anti-siphoning rules. Senator Tierney on 16 October in the Senate said that the Opposition 'supports the principle of the free list of major sporting events and cultural events'. For the foreseeable future they are part of the landscape of sporting rights in Australia. To the extent that the rules need to be fine-tuned Parliament has not been slow to do so. To the extent to which the Minister has needed advice on how to handle his obligations in respect of the rules he has not been slow to obtain it. To the extent to which sporting rights owners, acquirers and other interested parties have had views to express they have had reasonable opportunity to do so, and the door of the ABA is never closed. After more than a year of living with the Minister's anti-siphoning list there appears no noticeable shift from free-to-air pay television of sports broadcast rights. Even where one notable event appeared to have eluded the Minister's list in respect of the 1995 West Indies Cricket Tour, the various forces at play, include media and public opinion, ensured that comprehensive live free-to-air coverage occurred simultaneous with pay TV coverage on Premier Sports channel.

At the outset I pointed out that the underpinning objects of the Broadcasting Services Act are cultural. There is no doubt that sport is an essential part of our Australian culture. No Australian Government and no Australian broadcasting regulator is likely to underestimate the importance of this issue. The anti-siphoning rules can work, have worked and will work. Like any good sporting event they present the players with a challenge. ☐

Temporary transmission of programs by aspirant community broadcasters

for the period 7 November to 29 November 1995.

APPLICANT	AREA	FREQ.	PERIOD	DATE SIGNED
Dance-Club Broadcasters Inc. Kiss Radio	Mt Dandenong Vic	89.9 MHz	24/11/95-18/12/95	7/11/95
Sunshine Coast Co-Operative Community Radio	Buderim Qld	101.7 MHz	12/11/95-31/12/95	8/11/95
Bathurst Christian Broadcasters	Bathurst NSW	101.1 MHz	19/11/95-3/12/95	10/11/95
Bacchus Marsh Community Radio	Bacchus Marsh Vic	98.5 MHz	14/11/95-26/11/95	13/11/95
Bacchus Marsh Community Radio	Bacchus Marsh Vic	98.5 MHz	11/12/95-23/12/95	13/11/95
Darwin Christian Broadcasting Assoc. Inc.	Darwin NT	97.7 MHz	19/11/95-17/12/95	13/11/95
Cessnock Community Broadcasters	Cessnock NSW	104.5 MHz	20/11/95-10/12/95	13/11/95
Ballarat Gospel Radio Inc.	Ballarat Vic	103.9 MHz	20/12/95-25/12/95	13/11/95
Narrabri Shire Community Radio Inc.	Narrabri NSW	91.1 MHz	4/12/95-24/12/95	13/11/95
North Harbour Radio	Mosman NSW	100.9 MHz	2/12/95-31/12/95	13/11/95
North Harbour Radio	Mosman NSW	100.9 MHz	1/1/96-31/1/96	13/11/95
Family Radio Ltd	Brisbane Qld	92.1 MHz	4/12/95-25/12/95	13/11/95
Port Stephens FM Radio Inc.	Nelson Bay NSW	99.7 MHz	4/12/19-10/12/95	13/11/95
Port Stephens FM Radio Inc.	Nelson Bay NSW	99.7 MHz	1/1/96-7/1/96	13/11/95
Living Sound Broadcasters Ltd	Illawarra NSW	94.1 MHz	3/12/95-1/1/96	13/11/95
Colac Public Group Inc.	Colac Vic	99.1 MHz	25/11/95-24/12/95	13/11/95
West Gippsland Community Radio Inc.	Drouin Vic	99.5 MHz	1/12/95-3/12/95	13/11/95
West Gippsland Community Radio Inc.	Drouin Vic	99.5 MHz	16/12/95-17/12/95	13/11/95
Joy Melbourne Independent Community	South Melbourne Vic	90.7 MHz	9/12/95-2/1/96	13/11/95
Joy Melbourne Independent Community	South Melbourne Vic	90.7 MHz	6/1/96-31/3/96	13/11/95
Nu Country Music Radio Inc.	Bundoora Vic	94.3 MHz	2/12/95-17/12/95	23/11/95
Bulla FM Broadcasters	Sunbury Vic	99.4 MHz	2/12/95-24/12/95	27/11/95
Encounter FM Community Broadcasters	Victor Harbor SA	89.3 MHz	4/12/95-10/12/95	27/11/95
Canberra Christian Radio	Canberra ACT	107.1 MHz	18/12/95-31/12/95	27/11/95
Upper Murray Community Gospel Broadcaster	Corryong Vic	94.7 MHz	1/12/95-29/12/95	27/11/95
Bendigo FM Education Broadcasters	Castlemaine Vic	100.5 MHz	6/1/96-31/3/96	29/11/95
Bendigo FM Education Broadcasters	Bendigo Vic	99.7 MHz	6/1/96-31/3/96	29/11/95
Fraser Coast Community Radio Inc.	Pialba Qld	90.7 MHz	1/1/96-31/3/96	29/11/95
Radio Five O Plus	Umina NSW	95.3 MHz	6/1/96-31/3/96	29/11/95
New Wave Broadcasters	West Killara NSW	99.3 MHz	4/1/96-29/3/96	29/11/95
Southern Victoria Community Radio	Geelong Vic	89.1 MHz	18/1/96-28/1/96	29/11/95
Nepean Riverlands Community Radio Assoc.	Penrith NSW	100.7 MHz	6/1/96-31/3/96	29/11/95
Way Out West Fine Music	Penrith NSW	88.3 MHz	6/1/96-9/3/96	29/11/95
Nepean Christian Broadcasters	Hazelbrook NSW	94.5 MHz	3/12/95-1/1/96	29/11/95
Hope Island Broadcasters Pty Ltd	Coomera Qld	94.1 MHz	9/12/95-7/1/96	29/11/95