



News Update

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Mr Bob Scott to resign as ABA Deputy Chairman

SYDNEY: Mr Bob Scott, ABA Deputy Chairman, has advised the Minister for Communications and the Arts of his intention to resign from the ABA, effective 18 October 1996.

Prior to joining the ABA in June 1995, Mr Scott had some thirty years experience in the broadcasting and newspaper industries.

He was founding Managing Director/Chief Executive of Wesgo Ltd in 1982, twice President of the Federation of Australian Radio Broadcasters (1989 and 1990) and General Manager/Managing Director of 2WS (1982), 2DAY (1988) and 2MMM (1994). He was Chairman of the National Film and Sound Archive from 1987-1991.

In 1994, Mr Scott was awarded the Order of Australia AM for his services to media, radio and film conservation and to the community.



Broadcasting planning seminar - advance notice


CANBERRA: The ABA is considering sponsoring a one day broadcasting planning seminar to be held in Canberra, probably in February 1997 (but no later than mid March). The seminar will provide members of the broadcasting industry and ABA staff with a forum to discuss licences, planning and allocation matters. The aim is to provide industry participants with an understanding of the ABA's planning and

allocation processes. The speakers will be from both the ABA and industry.

The seminar aim to fill a part of the gap left since the last Engineering Conference (known as IRECON) which was run by the Institution of Radio and Electronic Engineers during the 1980s. This ABA initiative will provide a broad base for the presentation of planning and allocation issues arising from the ABA's activities under the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, as well as additional information from relevant areas of industry.

Proposed topics for discussion at the seminar include matters related to licence area planning and allocation, technical planning, audience research, the technical planning guidelines, use of spare capacity, reports on technical developments and the impact of pay TV on interference. The seminar will also look at matters raised in two ABA inquiries. The first is the inquiry into possible uses for the sixth channel and the second is the inquiry into the investigation into the content of on-line services, which concluded in June. Looking to the future, suggested topics include developments in new technology, matters relating to digital radio broadcasting (DRB) and digital terrestrial television broadcasting (DTTB), remote area broadcasting systems, developments in V-chip technology, broadcasting system standards and developments in national broadcasting services.

If readers have any ideas for other topics, please contact Bob Greeney, ABA Director Engineering, Planning Branch, fax (06) 253 3277 or phone (06) 256 2851. For more information, please contact Julia Withers of the organising committee on (06) 256 2806.

A call for papers is expected in September with final papers required by December 1996. 

Temporary transmission of programs by aspirant community broadcasters

For the period 3 July to 29 July (date signed), in the order of area served.

APPLICANT	AREA	FREQ.	PERIOD	DATE SIGNED
Australian Capital Territory				
Canberra Christian Broadcasters	Canberra	107.1	17/8/96-31/8/96	29/7/96
New South Wales				
Bathurst Christian Broadcasters	Bathurst	101.1	15/8/96-30/8/96	29/7/96
Macarthur Community Radio	Campbelltown	100.5	3/8/96-11/8/96	17/7/96
Maitland Community Broadcasters	Maitland	104.5	17/8/96-25/8/96	29/7/96
Maitland Community Broadcasters	Maitland	104.5	20/7/96-28/7/96	3/7/96
Port Stephens FM Radio Inc.	Nelsons Bay	99.7	5/8/96-11/8/96	22/7/96
Way Out West Fine Music	Penrith	88.3	26/7/96-13/10/96	9/7/96