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copyright reform as a pressing issue to be dealt with if it wins government at the next election.

The Minister also indicated that he would support a Democrat moved amendment to the Broadcasting Services Act that would see a wide review of Australian content on pay TV, beyond the current drama expenditure requirement. The Senate has since passed this amendment and the review is to be conducted before 1 July 1997.

ABA officers attended the conference and conducted face to face sessions for interested delegates on the pay TV drama guidelines and the findings of its research into children and television.



NIMA conference

CANBERRA: Planning for more broadcasting services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and streamlining the processes for allocation of new licences were the main areas of interest when the ABA attended the National Indigenous Media Association of Australia's Annual General Meeting, in Canberra in November.

Representatives from the Codes and Conditions, Licensing and Planning sections of the ABA attended the AGM on 13 and 14 November, which provided an opportunity to discuss various issues impacting on the indigenous media sector.

The ABA presented a session on the implementation of the community radio codes of practice by the Broadcasting for Remote Aboriginal Communities Scheme (BRACS) stations which provide broadcasting services for remote Aboriginal communities. Delegates resolved to support the codes in principle.

A working group was set up to do further work on the plain English version of the codes which had been developed by NIMA for BRACS use. The group has the flexibility to do further work on the BRACS version which might be needed to meet the special needs of BRACS services.

The presentations were followed by a lively question and answer session. Topics included in the presentation were the BRACS, community radio and television, open narrowcasting, temporary transmissions and codes and conditions

Valuable contact was made with a number of media associations such as Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association and Broome Aboriginal Media Association and aspirant broadcasters discussed the television and radio planning process direct with ABA officers.

Other speakers included representatives from the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia, Australian Performing Rights Association and the Australian Film Commission. ☐

Programs granted C classification

Programs granted C or P classification between 7 November and 22 November 1995. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact Josie Tomas on (02) 334 7840.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Class.</i>	<i>New/Renewal</i>	<i>Decision date</i>	<i>Applicant</i>
SPELLBINDER 2	Australia/China/Poland	PRC	new	14.11.1995	Film Australia Ltd

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