News Update

African Government is currently considering regulatory options as part of its review of the South African broadcasting industry.

The discussions focused on the regulation of on-line services, measures of accountability for regulatory authorities, convergence issues. and methods of preserving national identity in broadcasting through regulation.

This meeting follows discussions the ABA had with the South African Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Communications in May and reaffirms the strong ties the ABA has with broadcasting in South Africa.

International Research Forum Newsletter – issue no 4

SYDNEY: The ABA has released the fourth issue of the International Research Forum newsletter. The forum which has 168 members from 28 countries aims to put researchers who work in the area of children and the media in touch with one another, and to share information on research findings and methodologies.

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The June 1997 issue is the first under the new title of *International Research Forum on Children and Media* (IRFCAM). The change from 'television' to 'media' reflects the broader range of research interests of members.

The International Research Forum on Children and Media arose out of the first World Summit on Television and Children, held in Melbourne in March 1995. The ABA coordinates IRFCAM and produces the bi-annual newsletter and maintains the extensive membership list.

The fourth issue of the newsletter focuses on the 'Youth and the Media, Tomorrow' conference held in Paris in April. Other articles provide information on children's programs on pay TV in Australia, upcoming conferences and film festivals. Another feature is the regular update on current and completed projects undertaken by IRFCAM members.

Membership of IRFCAM is free. If you would like more information, please contact Lori Lemon in the Research Section at the ABA.

The fifth issue of the newsletter is due for release in December 1997.

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Temporary transmission of programs by aspirant community broadcasters

For radio and television broadcasts in the period 2 April to 8 August 1997, in order of area served.

Applicant	Area	Frequency	Period	Date signed
New South Wales				
Blacktown City Community Radio Assoc.	Blacktown	100.3	17.5.97 - 17 8 97	16.5.97
Bay FM Community	Byron Bay	91. 3	1 5.97 - 31 12.98	1.5.97
Macarthur Community Radio	Campbelltown	100.5	7.6.97 - 15.6.97	21.5.97
Macarthur Community Radio	Campbelltown	100 5	3.5.97 - 11 5 97	30.4.97
Casino's Own Wireless Association Inc.	Casino	107.9	5.7 97 - 28 9 97	14.5.97
Central Coast Broadcasters Inc.	Central Coast	94.1	26.5.97 - 31 5 97	16 5.97
Cessnock Community Broadcasters Inc.	Cessnock	104.5	2.6.97 - 15.6.97	21 5.97
Deepwater and Districts Community FM	Deepwater	105 9	1.6.97 - 30.6.97	19.5.97
Bega Access Radio Inc.	Howardville	93.7	4.7 97 - 27 9.97	9.5.97
Hawkesbury River Radio Group Inc	Kariong	100 5	5 7.97 - 28.9.97	27.5.97
Living Sound Broadcasters Ltd	Kiama	94.1	3.5.97 - 27.7.97	30.4.97
New Wave Broadcasters Ltd	Killara	99.3	3 7.97 - 26.9.97	14.5.97
Maitland Community Broadcasters Assoc.	Maitland	104.5	17.5.97 - 25.5.97	5.5.97
Maitland Community Broadcasters Assoc	Maitland	104.5	21 6.97 - 29 6.97	21 5.97
Port Stephens FM Radio Inc.	Nelson Bay	99.7	2.6.97 - 8.6.97	14.5.97
Nepean Riverlands Community Radio Assoc.	Nepean	100.7	5.7.97 - 27.7.97	9 5.97
Nimmitabel Community Radio Group	Nimmitabel	96 .9	13 6.97 - 27 9.97	21 5.97
Smithfield Community Radio Assoc.	Smithfield	101.9	20 5 97 - 23 5.97	14.5.97
Sydney Youth Radio Inc.	Surry Hills	96.9	5.5.97 - 3.6.97	1.5 .97
Sydney Gay and Lesbian Broadcasters	Sydney	96.9	9.6.97 - 8.7.97	21.5.97
Victoria				
Bacchus Marsh Community Radio	Bacchus Marsh	98.5	2.6.97 - 8.6.97	19 5.97
Ballarat Gospel Radio	Ballarat	103.9	7.6.97 - 47.97	9.5.97
Bendigo FM Education Broadcasters	Bendigo	99.7	5.7.97 - 28.9.97	14 5.97