



# News Update

The ABA's representatives at the Screen West conference, L-R: ABA legal officer, Ms Carolyn Lidgerwood, Assistant Manager, Australian Content, Ms Deborah Sims and Standards Manager, Ms Lesley Osborne.



'Cable television has launched this month in Perth, increasing the range of television choices for viewers. But what contribution should the pay TV industry make to developing and reflecting a sense of Australian identity, character and cultural diversity? This is a key issue being considered by the ABA in its investigation into Australian content requirements for pay TV,' said Ms Lesley Osborne, ABA Manager Standards.

Ms Osborne was speaking in Fremantle at the 'Small Screen: Big Picture' television conference—hosted by ScreenWest, 21 to 23 February 1997

This year's ScreenWest conference was subtitled 'Programming for a Global Village' and focussed on issues facing the screen industry in the light of government reviews of funding and other mechanisms for industry support. Challenges and opportunities presented by changes in the international entertainment environment were also discussed with input from overseas speakers such as Anna Home, Head of Children's Programmes at the BBC.

The ABA participated in a panel discussion on the regulation of Australian content on pay TV debating the pros and cons, experience with the current requirement for expenditure on new Australian drama, and the views of submitters to the ABA's investigation.



L-R: On the discussion panel: Australian Film Commission, Policy Advisor, Mr Michael Ward; ABA Standards Manager, Ms Lesley Osborne; Program Development XYZ, Executive Producer, Mr Ian Fairweather; Foxtel, Director of Corporate Affairs and Planning, Mr Warren Lee; and Nickeloden, Program Director, Ms Kathryn Huang.

## Temporary transmission of programs by aspirant community broadcasters

For the period 7 February to 29 April 1997, in order of area served.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Freq(MHz)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>				
Canberra Christian Radio	Canberra	107.1MHz	27/2/97 - 22/3/97	20/2/97
<b>New South Wales</b>				
Bega Access Radio Inc.	Bega	93.7 MHz	14/2/97 - 29/3/97	7/2/97
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc	Kandos	95.5 MHz	18/2/97 - 26/2/97	11/2/97
Port Stephens FM Radio Inc.	Nelson Bay	99.7 MHz	25/2/97 - 9/3/97	10/2/97
Nepean Christian Broadcasters	Nepean	99.9 MHz	13/2/97 - 19/4/97	7/2/97
<b>Victoria</b>				
Central Victorian Gospel Radio	Bendigo	104.7 MHz	24/2/97 - 23/3/97	20/2/97
Geelong Gospel Radio Inc.	Geelong	96.3 MHz	26/2/97 - 28/3/97	20/2/97
New Gen Radio Inc.	Melbourne	91.5 MHz	22/2/97 - 23/3/97	10/2/97
Moonee Valley Radio Inc.	Moonee Ponds	99.9 MHz	20/2/97 - 28/3/97	14/2/97
West Gippsland Community Radio	Warragul	99.5 MHz	22/2/97 - 20/4/97	20/2/97
<b>Queensland</b>				
Dalby Broadcasting Association Inc	Dalby	101.3 MHz	22/2/97 - 17/3/97	10/2/97
Townsville Christian Broadcasters	Townsville	100.7 MHz	20/2/97 - 29/3/97	10/2/97
<b>South Australia</b>				
Kangaroo Island Community Broadcasters	Kangaroo Island	90.7 MHz	7/2/97 - 27/4/97	4/2/97