



News Update

ABA appears before Senate Select Committee on Information Technologies

The ABA appeared before the Senate Select Committee on Tuesday 11 August.

The Committee focussed its questions on online services and expressed its concerns about the availability of illegal and offensive material available on-line. The ABA's Deputy Chairman, Mr Gareth Grainger acknowledged that it shared the concerns of the Committee but noted that there was little the ABA could do without legislative support.

The Committee also asked the ABA a number of questions about codes of practice for commercial television and commercial radio services. In the interests of time, the ABA accepted the Committee's request to take a number of further questions on notice.

Research publications available on young people and the media

International Research Forum Newsletter (IRFCAM)

As part of its role of coordinating the *International Research Forum on Children and Media* (IRFCAM), the ABA released the sixth issue of the IRFCAM newsletter in July 1998. The IRFCAM promotes research into children and the media, the exchange of information, and collaboration on research.

Forum Chronicle

The ABA has also released the sixth issue of the *Forum Chronicle* presenting information about the upcoming second International Forum of Researchers on Young People and the Media. The Forum will be held in Sydney at the Millennium Hotel from 27 November to 1 December 2000.

The first five issues of the *Forum Chronicle* (known as the *Chroniques de Forum*) were produced by the Groupe de Recherche sur la Relation Enfants Medias (GRREM) in Paris. GRREM hosted the first International Forum of Researchers for Young People and the Media in Paris in 1997.

Members of IRFCAM receive the newsletter and *Forum Chronicle*. To join IRFCAM or for more information about the above publications, please contact Lori Lemon in the Research and Policy Section at the ABA on (02) 9334 7862.

Copies of the newsletter and chronicle are also available on the ABA's web site: www.aba.gov.au

New callsigns

The ABA has allocated or reserved the following callsigns for new commercial and community services, or has authorised changes to callsigns for existing services.

New commercial radio services

Area Number	Service Callsign	Licence	Start of Service
Albury/Wodonga	SL1150011	2BDR	31.7.98
Ballarat	SL10364	3RBA	5.5.98
Atherton/Mareeba	SL1150016	4AMM	
Kingaroy	SL1150096	4KRY	

New commercial television service

Remote & Regional WA	SL010048	WOW
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New community radio services

Barham	SL10299	2SCR	10.7.98 †
Kandos	SL10255	2KRR	
Orange (Christian)	SL10287	2OCB	13.3.98 †
Orange (general)	SL1150004	2CCB	28.3.98
Alexandra/Eildon	SL10411	3UGE	
Ballarat	SL10285	3BGR	20.7.98 †
Echuca/Moama	SL10419	3GRR	
Kyneton	SL10405	3RAM	
Wangaratta	SL10382	3WPR	22.7.98 †
Mount Isa (Aboriginal)	SL010305	4MOB	
Mount Isa (Christian)	SL010158	4MIG	20.4.98 †
Torres Strait Islands	SL010210	4MW *	
Ceduna	SL010151	5CCR	17.2.98
Kangaroo Island	SL010254	5KIX	28.6.97
Albany	SL010042	6CRA ‡	26.1.98
Broome	SL010032	6GME	
Halls Creek	SL010035	6PRK *	
Darwin (Christian)	SL010165	8GGG	5.7.98 †

Changes to callsigns for existing services

Commercial radio services

Area	Service Licence Number	Old Callsign	New Callsign
Ballarat	SL010365	3BA	3BT
Townsville	SL4185	4TO	4TOO §
Perth	-	6JKY	6MIX
Hobart	-	7HT	7XXX §
Darwin	SL010168	8EZY	8MIX

* reserved

† previously operated under a temporary community broadcasting licence (TCBL) prior to this date.

‡ previously allocated 6SCR

§ AM to FM conversion previously approved under Broadcasting Act 1942