



News Update

Written submissions must be received by the ABA no later than close of business
3 November 1998.

A public hearing file is available for viewing at the Bathurst City Library.

The Bathurst hearing will be held at 9.00 a.m. on 17 November 1998 at: James Cook International Motor Inn, cnr Brilliant & Stewart Streets, Bathurst.

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Metropolitan radio—submissions

In March and April of this year, the ABA held discussions with existing and aspirant broadcasters in the mainland metropolitan markets and surrounding regional markets.

At the end of April, the ABA invited interested parties to submit evidence in support of their proposals.

A copy of the submissions for all the areas (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth) is available for inspection at the ABA's Canberra and Sydney offices.

A copy of submissions for all the areas is also available for inspection at the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) offices in Brisbane and Melbourne.

A copy of the Adelaide area and Perth area submissions only is available at the ACA offices in Adelaide and Perth, respectively.

An index of submissions for all areas is on the ABA web site <www.aba.gov.au>.

Family web site

The ABA will launch a web site for families on 27 November, as part of National Online Australia Day.

The family web site will provide parents with information and tools to guide their children towards a rewarding, productive and safe experience on the Internet. It will include links to good fun and educational site for children, suggestions for productive family Internet use, information on technical tools for parents and protective behaviours for children when they are online.

The ABA is developing the site with funding from the National Office of the Information economy. The site has developed from the ABA recommendation for a community education campaign, in its report to the Minister for Communications and the Arts, *Investigation into the Content of Online Services*, in June 1996.

ABA announces new senior management structure

The ABA has completed recruitment action for a number of senior management positions advertised earlier this year. The successful applicants are as follows.

The Director, Planning and Licensing is Ms Jonquil Ritter. Ms Ritter is a solicitor and was previously Manager of the ABA's Codes and Conditions section.

The Director, Technology is Mr Bob Greeney. Mr Greeney is an electrical engineer and was previously the ABA's Director Engineering. He has been involved in developing international recommendations and standards for radiocommunications and broadcasting services through the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and is the Vice-Chairman of the ITU Working Party 10B which deals with sound broadcasting. He is also involved in technical standards work with Standards Australia.

The General Counsel, heading the ABA's Legal and Control Branch will be Mr John Corker. Mr Corker is a solicitor and barrister and was previously the ABA's Legal Manager.

The Director, Policy and Content Regulation will be Ms Andree Wright. Ms Wright is currently the acting Director of the Office of Film and Literature Classification and will take up her position with the ABA on 3 November. She is the head of the OFLC's research program and has been a Senior Classifier and member of the Film Censorship Board. Before joining the OFLC, Ms Wright worked as an historian, a university tutor and a film maker.

The ABA has also appointed Ms Jennifer Stafford as Chief Information Officer. Ms Stafford, a previous Director of Licensing, returns to the ABA from the Australian Film Commission where she worked on developing their future strategic policy and operational directions.

Asia-Pacific Regulatory Roundtable

The Asia-Pacific Regulatory Roundtable held its annual meeting in Seoul on 15–16 September 1998. The meeting was hosted by the Korean Broadcasting Commission and the Korean Cable Communications Commission. Roundtable participants attended from Australia, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore.

The meeting addressed a range of matters including: regulating for privacy, balance and

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