



C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 28 November 2001 and 21 January 2002. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA's Children's Television section on (02) 9334 7700.

Program title	Origin	Class.	New/renewal	Decision dated	Applicant
THE BIG ARVO (SERIES 5)	Australia	C	new	18/12/2001	Seven Network Ltd
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C – children's program, C Drama – C Australian drama program, P – preschool program, Class. – Classification

ABA clarifies definition of open narrowcasting radio services

The ABA has decided to clarify the definition of open narrowcasting radio services with the gazettal of the *Broadcasting Services Clarification Notice 2001*. The clarification provides certainty about the category of service into which certain broadcasting services fall under the Broadcasting Services Act. It does this by deeming services that conform to the criteria set out in the clarification to be open narrowcasting radio services.

'It is in the interests of everyone in the radio industry to have a high level of certainty as to the category of service that a broadcasting service falls into,' said Professor David Flint, ABA Chairman. 'This clarification will increase the level of certainty for a significant number of niche broadcasting services which are either currently being provided in the community or which may be provided in the future.'

The services covered by the clarification are racing radio services, non-English language services, religious services, services provided to cover special events, services provided for a limited period, information services (such as stock market reports and weather services), pre-recorded looped services and services provided using only a subcarrier channel (ancillary services).

The clarification also makes clear that a service provided using a one-watt transmitter is not an open narrowcasting service by reason only of the power of the transmitter used to provide the service.

The clarification was developed following a public consultation process that ended on 23 October 2001. Submissions were received from the radio industry, the racing radio industry and other interested persons and organisations

on the draft clarification notice drafted by the Office of Legislative Drafting. Many interested groups had also made submissions on the ABA's discussion paper released in March 2001.

The clarification is available on the ABA's website at www.aba.gov.au/radio/narrowcasting or may be obtained from the ABA.



Keeping children safe on the internet

In December 2001, the ABA launched an education program to help keep children safe on the Internet.

'*Cybersmart Kids Online - smart net surfing for kids and their grownups*' features a range of material, including an updated website, brochures and posters providing tools and information for adults supervising children, and friendly tips for children to be Internet savvy.

The program has been formulated in response to the ABA's *Internet@home* research, the final report of which was also launched in December. This innovative research project has provided a wealth of detail about the way the Internet is used in Australian family homes, their concerns, and their information needs.

The *Internet@home* research found 71 per cent of parents are more concerned by what their children access on the Internet than what can be accessed on television or video.

However, Australian families are well informed about the dangers and are taking sensible measures to protect children from Internet dangers, with 84 per cent of parents supervising their children's use of the Internet and 67 per cent setting strict rules for Internet use.

Launching *Cybersmart Kids Online*, ABA Chairman Professor David Flint said while there

