



Research into the use of the Internet at home

The ABA and NetAlert Limited have invited proposals to conduct research into the use of the Internet in Australian homes. The research will obtain information about how families with children aged approximately 9 to 13 years use the Internet at home and how they manage the potential risks.

The research will build on a study undertaken by the ABA in 2001. At that time, the co-regulatory Internet content scheme established under Schedule 5 to the Broadcasting Services Act had only recently commenced and fewer than one-third of Australians were connected to the Internet at home. With more than one-half of Australian households now online, and the co-regulatory scheme in operation for more than four years, the new study will enhance the ABA's and NetAlert's understanding of the contemporary online environment, and assist in the application of appropriate and effective strategies to educate children and parents about online services.

The research will investigate the behaviours and attitudes associated with Internet use in the home, providing valuable information concerning behaviours and attitudes with respect to traditional modes of Internet use such as World Wide Web browsing via a fixed Internet connection. It is also intended that the research will explore the behaviours and attitudes of children and parents in response to recent Internet developments, as well as the impact that mobile Internet use has on families' management of Internet access.

The call for submissions, which closed on 13 July 2004, attracted proposals from ten



research consultants. It is expected that the successful consultant will commence work by the end of August and that a final report containing the research findings will be completed in December 2004.

Changes proposed for services

The ABA is proposing to make channel capacity available for new and improved services in the Wagga Wagga area of New South Wales and the Cairns area of Queensland.

'The ABA's proposals follow consideration of requests from the licensees of existing services in the Wagga Wagga and Cairns areas for improvements to their services, and from parties interested in establishing services in each region,' said Ms Maddock.

The additional FM channel capacity in both



C and P programs

Programs granted C and P classification between 28 June and 3 August 2004. Producers interested in submitting programs for classification should contact the ABA on (02) 9334 7700.

| Program title | Origin | Class | New/renewal | Decision dated | Applicant |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Flipper and Lopaka (series 3) | Australia | PRC | new | 15.7.2004 | Yoram Gross EM TV Pty Ltd |
| Hi-5 (series 6) | Australia | P | new | 28.6.2004 | Kids Like Us Pty Ltd |
| Parallax (series 1, eps 14-26) | Australia | CD | new | 30.6.2004 | Great Western Entertainment Pty Ltd |
| Rayman | Australia | PRC | new | 6.7.2004 | Yoram Gross EM TV Pty Ltd |
| Silver Sun (series 1, eps 23-40) | Australia | CD | new | 22.7.2004 | Beyond Simpson Le Mesurier |
| The Eggs (series 3, eps 1-13) | Australia | CD | new | 8.7.2004 | B & T Entertainment Pty Ltd |
| The Eggs (series 4, eps 1-13) | Australia | CD | new | 8.7.2004 | B & T Entertainment Pty Ltd |
| The Shapiers (series 3) | Australia | CD | new | 20.7.2004 | Light Knight Productions Pty Ltd |

C – children's program, CD – C drama, P – preschool, PRC – provisional C, PRP – provisional P Class. – Classification