

Minister releases Network Reliability Framework report

The report of the review of the Network Reliability Framework (NRF) conducted by the former ACA has been released by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan.

The NRF was introduced as a Telstra licence condition in 2002, requiring Telstra

to report regularly to ACMA on faults and fix poorly performing pockets in its fixed line network.

While the review found that Telstra's network and services are generally reliable, metropolitan areas have more reliable services than Australians living in rural, regional and remote areas. The review made

recommendations aimed at improving the operation of the NRF, focusing on repairs in rural, regional and remote Australia.

The report is on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au (go to Consumer > Information Portals > Telecomms > Network Reliability Framework).



CHRIS CHEAH

ACMA introduced at Hong Kong conference

ACMA's Acting Deputy Chair, Chris Cheah, recently gave the first international presentation by Australia's new convergent media and telecommunications regulator. Mr Cheah was speaking at the Regulation in the Convergent Environment conference organised by the Television and Entertainment

Licensing Authority and the Hong Kong Broadcasting Authority, held in Hong Kong on 29 August.

In his speech, Mr Cheah described the background to the merger, Australia's unique communications marketplace, the country's experience with communications regulation to

date and some of the challenges ACMA faces, particularly in the next 12 months. He outlined key differences in the communications environment in Australia, the UK and Hong Kong environments, gave a potted history of some aspects of communications laws and markets, and talked about the convergence between different industries within the communications sector and between the communications and other industries.

Children's and preschool programs classified in August

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PROGRAM TITLE	SERIES	EPISODE NUMBERS	PROGRAM STYLE	PROGRAM TYPE	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NEW/RENEWAL	CLASS	DECISION DATE	APPLICANT
<i>The Blue Butterfly</i>	1	1	Live action	Drama - feature film (TV)	Canada	New	C	12 Aug	Nine Network Australia Pty/Ltd
<i>I Got a Rocket!</i>	1	1-52	Animation	Drama - series	Australia	New	PRC	12 Aug	SLR Productions Pty Ltd
<i>The Night Before Christmas - A Mouse Tale</i>	1	1	Animation	Drama - telemovie (TV)	USA	New	C	10 Aug	Nine Network Australia Pty/Ltd
<i>Roly in the Country with Blue</i>	1	1-26	Animation	Drama - series	Australia	New	PRC	9 Aug	Dreamcloud Entertainment Pty Ltd
<i>Scary Godmother</i>	1	1	Animation	Drama - telemovie (TV)	Canada	New	C	22 Aug	Nine Network Australia Pty/Ltd
<i>Scope</i>	1	1-180	Live action	Information - magazine	Australia	New	C	10 Aug	Network Ten Pty Ltd
<i>The Shak</i>	1	1-65	Live action	Light entertainment - magazine	Australia	New	C	9 Aug	Nine Network Australia Pty/Ltd
<i>The Tale of Jack Frost: The Boy with the Frozen Touch</i>	1	1	Animation	Drama - telemovie (TV)	United Kingdom	New	C	9 Aug	Nine Network Australia Pty/Ltd

C - children's program, P - preschool program, CD - C drama, PRC - Provisional C, PRP - provisional P, Class - classification