Unregistered cabler fined

ACMA has issued an on-the-spot fine to a telecommunications cabler working without a current registration. Doing any cabling work that involves connection to the telecommunications network without a cabler registration is against the law. During an investigation into a complaint about non-compliant cabling work, a routine check of the cabler's registration revealed that it lapse. The cabler was issued a telecommunications infringement notice, incurring an on-the-spot fine of $1,320.

ACMA has warned cablers to make sure they have a current cabler registration before performing any cabling work. The onus is on the cabler to renew the registration when it is due to expire, even if a renewal notice is not received. Cablers were advised to check the expiry date on their registration card and, if the registration has lapsed, to contact their registrar.

It is an offence under the *Telecommunications Act 1997* to do customer cabling work without a registration and penalties apply.

Cablers who do not have a registration should contact one of five ACMA-accredited registrars to register. Once registered, cablers are issued with a registration card stating that they can legally perform cabling work.

Information about applying for registration, including contact details for registrars and a booklet, *So you want to be a registered cabler?*, is on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au (go to For licensees & industry: Licensing & regulation > Telecommunications: Telecommunications regulation > Cabling regulation). To obtain a copy of the free booklet, contact ACMA on 1300 850 115.

Do Not Call Register continues to grow

By 30 June 2007, there had been more than 1.3 million telephone numbers registered on the Do Not Call Register since registrations began on 3 May and the telemarketing industry had 'washed' more than 112 million numbers through the register. The register and the national industry standard, which sets minimum levels of conduct for telemarketing and research calls, came into operation on 31 May.

The Do Not Call Register has been established by ACMA in response to community concern about the increasing growth in unsolicited telemarketing calls. Under the *Do Not Call Register Act 2006,* ACMA is responsible for overseeing the Do Not Call Register and the *Telecommunications (Do Not Call Register) (Telemarketing and Research Calls) Industry Standard 2007.* ACMA is also responsible for investigating breaches of the legislation.

ACMA is responsible for investigating complaints about alleged breaches of both the Do Not Call Register Act and the industry standard, and is empowered to obtain call records and other relevant information to aid its investigations.

ACMA will not, as a result of an investigation, make a finding that is adverse to either the complainant or the respondent without first giving each party an opportunity to present their case.

More information about the Do Not Call Register and the industry standard is on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au/donotcall. To register a number, go to the Do Not Call Register website at www.donotcall.gov.au.

Do Not Call Register statistics, 30 June 2007

Do Not Call Register consumer registrations	1,369,181
Telephone numbers washed through the register	112,089,792
Active account holders	852
Complaints	3,352

Temporary community broadcasting licences allocated June 2007

State	Licence area	Licensee	Community served	Frequency	Start	Finish	Allocated
Vic/NSW	Upper Murray RA1	High Country Christian Broadcasters Association Inc	Christian	94.9 MHz	7/6/07	6/6/08	4/6/08
Vic	Geelong RA1	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council Inc	General	94.7 MHz	26/6/07	25/12/07	25/6/07
NSW	Bankstown RA1	Bankstown City Radio Co-operative Ltd	General	100.9 MHz	2/7/07	1/1/08	29/6/07
NSW	Young RA2	Lambing Flat Community Broadcasting Inc	General	92.3 MHz	1/7/07	30/6/08	29/6/07
SA	Port Augusta TCBL RA1	Umeewarra Aboriginal Media Association Inc	Aboriginal	89.1 MHz	1/7/07	30/6/08	29/6/07