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..... A Monthly Round-Up of Press Releases, Reports, Publications and Conferences

Media Releases (Dec-Jan)

Australian Broadcasting Authority

New Opportunities for Info Services (on low power FM) 1/12/92
ABA Calls for Public Submissions 6/12/92
ABA Applauds Industry Support for Children's Day 12/12/92
ABA Clears the Way for New Racing Services 21/12/92
Wagga Inquiry (into grant of commercial FM licence) Restarts 24/12/92
'Cosy Canberra' Not In Breach 30/12/92
Ten Network Consortium: ABA Notified 30/12/92
Three-day Election Blackout for WA Broadcasters 27/1/93

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Press Conference: The ABC and Margaret Throsby 9/12/93
Australians Give More than \$600,000 for Christmas Appeal for Africa 14/12/93
Public Contributions to the ABC 15/12/92
Record Year for the ABC 22/12/92
ABC Welcomes Support for Indochina Training Institute 19/1/93
ABC Endorses Pay Television Decision 28/1/93

Australian Film Commission

Film Production Stabilises in Tough Times 3/11/92

Department of Transport and Communications

INTELSAT Representatives Meeting in Sydney 2/11/92

Minister for Transport and Communications

Government Joins Industry in Telecommunications Export Drive 2/12/92
SBS Radio Network to Go National (joint statement with Prime Minister) 4/12/92
Voxson Advertisement (which claims Govt is choking a potential export industry) is Misleading 3/12/92
Arena-GSM is Australia's Third Mobile Carrier 15/12/92
Telecom 'Fire Sale' Will Destabilise Industry 17/12/92
Broadcasting Services Expand In Regional Australia 14/1/93
Bids Sought for Two Pay TV Licences 21/1/93
Integrity of Pay TV To Be Protected 28/1/93

National Transmission Agency

Translators to Improve ABC, SBS Reception Near Perth 10/12/92
AOTC Wins Northern Tasmania Broadcasting Contract 18/1/93
TV Reception Distorted by Natural Phenomena 19/1/93

OTC

OTC Australia Hosts International Corporate Communications Forum 2/12/92

Public Broadcasting Association of Australia

Ethnic Broadcasting on Community Radio (would be more cost effective than using SBS, claim) 4/12/92

Telecom

Mobile Phones Go Platinum (500,000 connections in Australia) 10/12/92
ISDN Management System Improves Reliability 11/12/92
Telecom Mobilenet Welcomes Third Carrier 16/12/92

Seminars, Conferences

March

3-4: IBC Conferences, *4th International Telecommunications Law and Policy Conference*: an examination of the latest developments here and overseas affecting the telecoms industry. Imported speakers from US, Europe, Asia and Australia. \$1,295, Nikko Hotel Sydney. Contact: (02) 319 3755, fax 699 3901.

8-9: IIR Conferences, *Mobiles 1993*, Golden Gate Park Plaza Sydney. Topics include: the Asian situation, competitive applications, world best practices, implications of the second mobile operator in Australia. Speakers from Indonesia, NZ, France as well as locals. Cost: \$1295.00. Contact: (02) 929 5366 fax (959 4835).

29-30: AIC Conferences, *Electronic Messaging*. Marriott Hotel Sydney. Key speakers from US. Topics include LAN-based networking, information security. \$1295. Contact: (02) 235 1700 fax 223 8216.

April

5-6: IIR Conferences, *Winning Telecommunications Business in Asia*, covering areas like boosting Australian exports, developing joint ventures. Speakers include Bronwyn Bishop, George Maltby, representatives of AUSTRADE and AOTC, Asian visitors. Marriott Hotel, Sydney, \$1295 plus an extra \$500 for a one-day workshop on 7 April. Contact: as above.

19-20(Sydney) 21-22 Melbourne: IIR Conferences, *Cabling '93*: Third Annual Cabling Conference, covering topics like latest Australian and international regulations, innovations in cabling technology. Speakers from Europe and US as well as Australia, case studies. extra workshops. \$1295, extra for workshops. Regent Hotel both cities. Contact: as above.

27-29: AIC Conferences, *Networking '93*: LANs MANs and WANs, with speakers from Motorola, AT&T, MCI. Topics include FASTPAC vs ISDN, integrated networks, new networking options. Case studies. Cost \$1295 plus \$500 for optional workshop (29th). Contact: as above.

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Books, Publications

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, **Annual Report 1991-92**, ABC Sydney 1992, 112pp. Contact: ABC Corporate Relations, (02) 33 5313 or GPO Box 9994 in your capital city.

Australian Broadcasting Tribunal, **Annual Report 1991-92**, ABT Sydney 1992, pp.210, indexed. Last annual report of the now defunct ABT.

AUSTEL, **Telecommunications Privacy**, Final report of AUSTEL's Inquiry into the Privacy Implications of Telecommunications Services, AUSTEL, Melbourne, Dec. 1992, 171pp, FREE. Contact: ph:(03) 828 7300, PO Box 7443, St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004.

AUSTEL, **Payphones**, Final report to the Minister for Transport and Communications, AUSTEL, Melbourne, Dec. 1992, 99pp, FREE. Contact: as above.

AUSTEL, **Rural and Remote Telecommunications**, Final report to the Minister for Transport and Communications on the extent of unmet needs in rural and remote areas for the standard telephone service, AUSTEL, Melbourne, Dec. 1992, 172pp, FREE. Contact: as above.

... A NEW CLC PUBLICATION ...

**Telephone Information Services
in Australia**
a case study of 005 services and regulation

by Christina Spurgeon and Anthony Burke

Communications Law Centre
Occasional Paper No.7
Cost: \$22.00 (includes P&P)

Over the last year the Communications Law Centre (CLC) has been looking at the impact of new telecommunications arrangements on services being provided to residential telephone subscribers. The aim of the research is to see what regulatory issues are raised by new services to homes.

This research paper provides a detailed industry profile of audiotex services, more often known as '005' information services, and the forerunner to audiotex, the 'dial-it' services provided on the '11' prefix. It also includes an analysis of the impact of regulation on these new services and proposes innovative principles for regulating new services.

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