



# Policy File

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

## Media Releases

### Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA Notifies UCOM About Pay TV Licence A, 18/10/93  
ABA Allocates Cable Pay TV Licences to Rowcom, 22/10/93  
Australian TV Must Look to Asia Pacific, Says ABA Head  
29/10/93

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation

(includes September releases, not received that month)  
Response to Complaint About ABC-TV's *Media Watch*  
13/9/93  
Australia Television Signs Deal in China, 15/9/93  
ABC New Bureau Opens in Hanoi, 17/9/93  
Australia Television Provides Open Learning, 21/9/93  
SBS Joins Australia Television International, 22/9/93  
ABC Radio and Radio Australia (RA GM Derek White  
to become Asst Director Radio to Peter Loxton), 8/10/93  
General Manager Radio National (Peter Manning),  
20/10/93

### Minister for Communications (Beddall)

SBS TV In Cairns and Townsville Ahead of Schedule, 11/  
10/93  
Government to Extend SBS TV to Iron Triangle, 11/10/93  
Hearing Aids Interference Less Than Expected, 18/10/93

### Optus

Melbourne's Non-Voters Gain Second Opportunity  
to Choose in Phone Ballot, 6/10/93  
Kim Beazley Opens Optus's Perth Exchange and  
Satellite Earth Station, 11/10/93  
Final Sydney Ballot to close Soon, 13/10/93  
SA Premier Opens \$6m Optus Adelaide Exchange,  
14/10/93  
Report to Government Shows Optus Delivering on  
Customer Service Claims, 19/10/93

### Telecom

Telstra Reports 11% Profit Rise in 1992-93, 7/10/93  
Telecom Opens New Office In Korea, 25/20/93

## Conferences, Seminars

### November

**29-30:** IIR Conferences, *Telecommunications Pricing and  
Cost Control*, Golden Gate Hotel, Sydney. Cost: \$1295.  
Contact: (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

**30-Dec 1:** VIth Australian Film and History Conference,  
*Screening the Past*, La Trobe University, Melbourne. Three  
central themes are: indigenous peoples, their representa-  
tion in and use of film and television; gender; and film and  
television biography and autobiography. Overseas guests  
include Robert Rosen (Chair, UCLA Department of Film  
and TV); archivist Jonathan Dennis and Maori filmmaker  
Merata Mita; NY historian Daniel Walkowitz and film-  
maker Barbra Abrash. Conference highlights will include  
a presentation by veteran actor Michael Craig (GP), who  
will speak on his experiences in the British and Australian  
film industries. Cost: \$150 full rate, concessions available.  
Inquiries: Conference Convenors, Media Centre, La Trobe  
Uni, Bundoora 3083. Phone (03) 479 2499 and fax (03) 478  
7807.

### December

**1-3:** Journalism Education Association Annual Confer-  
ence, *Journalism Ethics, Technology and Culture*, Queens-  
land University of Technology School of Media and Jour-  
nalism. Aims to encourage debate and co-operation be-  
tween journalists and researchers throughout the Asia-  
Pacific region in tackling significant issues that affect  
journalism and the media. Cost: \$220 (JEA members) \$300  
non-members. Accommodation deals available. Contact:  
Natalie O'Sullivan 07 864 1195.

**2-5:** The Documentary Conference 1993, *Reflecting the  
Future*, Golden Gate Hotel Sydney. Strong Asian theme  
with Asian filmmakers and buyers attending. Oz speakers  
include David Marr, Jenny Brockie. Cost: \$350 indiv, \$650  
companies, \$150 students. Contact: (02) 413 8777 fax (02)  
426 5672.

**4:** CIRCIT, *Enhancing Cultural Value: Narrowcasting,  
Community Media and Cultural Development*, at CIRCIT,  
4 Riverside Quay South Melbourne. \$30.00. Further  
details from Katherine Brain (03) 618 8888, fax 616 8800.

**6-7:** IIR Conferences, *ISDN '93*, Sydney Marriott Hotel.  
International guest speaker Randall Spose, Director of N.  
American ISDN Users Forum, with speakers from leading  
local organisations plus demonstrations and case studies.  
Cost: \$1295. Contact: (02) 954 5844 fax 959 4684.

**7:** Consumers' Telecommunications Network, *Competing  
Visions - Consumers, Government and Corporations in  
Australian Telecommunications*, Refectory, University of  
Sydney, 9.00am-5pm. Keynote speaker: KenMcEldowney

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of Consumer Action, San Francisco and others include Warwick Smith, Bill Melody, Peter White, Robin Davey and Eva Cox along with representatives of consumer groups.

## Publications

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Trends and Issues* No.2, Oct 1993: **Australian Content on Television 1990-92**, ABA Sydney 1993., 32pp. Cost: \$5.00 incl p&p from ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building Sydney 2000.

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Trends and Issues* No.3, Oct 1993, **Viewing Australia: audience views about Australian television programs and films in 1992**, ABA Sydney 1993, 15pp. Details as above.

Neville Petersen, **The ABC, the Press and Politics 1932-1947**, Hale and Iremonger Sydney 1993, 304pp paperback \$35.00. A study of the evolution of ABC news during a crucial period by former ABC journalist turned academic.

Philip Bell and Roger Bell, **Implicated: the United States in Australia**, OUP Australia Melbourne 1993, 224 pp, paperback, \$19.95. Includes material on popular culture, culture and politics.

Albert Moran, **Moran's Guide to Australian TV Series**, AFTRS Sydney 1993, paperback 672pp, \$24.95. Lists every series, mini-series, play anthology, serial, children's show and sitcom shown on every network from 1956 until now. Info includes year of production and dates of transmission, synopsis, critical appraisal, key cast and crew.

Tracey Naughton, **To Watch is OK, But To Air is Divine: Community TV the Big Picture**, a report on an Australia Council-funded international investigation into access media in England, Scotland, Ireland, North America and Australia. Publisher unknown, pages unknown. Available for \$25 incl post from 128 Vere St Abbotsford 3067.

## Public Consultations

Office of Film and Literature Classification, public consultation on censorship of computer games. Draft guidelines for the compulsory classification of computer games and computer-generated images, similar to that for film and video, are available for public comment. Contact: Jacqueline Rodwell of Julia Clapin (02) 581 7000. Submissions invited by 13 December, addressed to Mr John Dicki, Chief Censor, OFLC, Level 1/255 Elizabeth St Sydney 2000 fax (02) 581 7001.

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