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

Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA Releases Draft Planning Priorities 2/5/93
Licensing of Satellite Pay TV Underway 3/5/93
ABA Meets With New Ten Group Chairman 4/5/93
ABA To Hold Planning Seminars and Workshops 6/5, 7/5, 10/5, 11/5/93
ABA Meets with Mr Graeme Harrison (*named as proposed chairman of UCOM in tender documents for pay TV licence*) 6/5/93
ABA Issues Notices To UCOM 7/5/93
Radio Advertising Revenue Up 10/5/93
ABA Holds Planning Seminars in Melbourne (11/5), Brisbane (13/5), Adelaide 18/5/93, Perth 19/5
ABA Revisits Wagga Wagga for FM Licence Inquiry 14/5/93
New Process for High Power Narrowcasting Services 16/5/93
Radio Self-Regulation Begins 17/5/93
ABA To Move To Darling Park 28/5/93

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

QANTAS Becomes a Foundation Sponsor of Australia Television 31/5/93

Communications Workers' Union

18,000 Telecom Jobs Could Be Lost in Next Two Years 7/5/93

Minister for Communications

Federal Government to Introduce Legislative Amendments for Pay TV Tenders 3/5/93
Inquiry into Pay TV Tenders 10/5/93
Government to Re-start MDS Tender Process 17/5/93
(Beddall) Consumers Benefit from Telecommunications Competition 28/5/93

National Transmission Agency

NTS Congratulates ABC on Radio National 200 (200th RN outlet in Australia) 28/5/93

Telecom

Telecom Gains New Zealand GSM Licence 13/5/93

Conferences, Seminars

July

5-7 AIC Conferences, *The Pan-Asia Optical Fibre Summit '93*, Conrad Hotel Hong Kong. Topics include regional government policy for optical fibre development, carrier infrastructure and rollout plans, new directions in the

technology. Key ministerial and policy makers, industry leaders from the region. Cost: \$US1595. Contact: AIC, Suite 1804 Asian House, 1 Hennessey Rd Wanchai HK fax (852) 866 7340.

August

16-17: IIR Conferences, *Implementing Competitive GSM Networks and Services*, Hotel Inter-Continental Sydney. Highlighting the rapid changes and competitive digital mobile communications market that will be brought about by GSM, with eight international guest speakers. Cost: \$1295 (additional workshop on GSM technology 18 August \$795). Contact: (02) 954 5844 fax (03) 959 4684.

23-25: IIR Conferences, *Developing the Australian Telecommunications Industry in A Competitive Environment*, Golden Gate Sydney. Covering law, policy, globalisation etc. Speakers include Government and industry leaders. \$1295. Contact: (02) 954 5844 fax (02) 959 4684.

September

21-23: 1993 IIC Annual Conference, Convergence, Development and Regional Integration, Stouffer Presidente Hotel Mexico City. Contact: IIC, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LF. (44-71) 388 0671 fax 380 0623.

Publications

Editor/s unnamed, *Refracting Voices*, pub. Refractory Girl, Sydney 1993, 221 pp, \$19.95 or \$25 incl. postage from PO Box 648, Glebe 2037. A collection of articles from the feminist journal *Refractory Girl* to mark its 21st year of publication. Contains material on the media and women: Shirley Sampson on 'The Australian Women's Weekly' and Julianne Schultz on Women and the Media - the Struggle for Space.

AUSTEL, *Competitive Safeguards and Carrier Performance 1991-92*, 165pp, Commonwealth of Australia, AGPS Canberra 1992. AUSTEL's first report to the Minister under s.399 of the Telecommunications Act 1991.

Consumer Telecommunications Network, *The Future of Universal Service in Australian Telecommunications*, proceedings of the annual seminar organised by CTN, 18 June 1991, 140pp. Ranges over all aspects of the subject, including definitions, strategies to meet USO, who benefits and how, translating policies into practice, Cost: \$30.00 from CTN, 8c/245 Chalmers Street, Redfern NSW 2016 fax (02) 318 2031.

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Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics, **Broadcasters and Market Behaviour**, Working Paper 8, Commonwealth of Australia, Canberra March 1993, 41pp.

Trade News Corporation, **The Encore Directory 1993** - film, TV and video production industry handbook of business names and commercial contacts, over 900pp, \$65.00 (less for multiple copies) from Locked Bag 1610, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012 phone (02) 699 1344 fax (02) 319 4016.

Paul Budde Communications, **Directory of Electronic Services and Communications Networks in Australia and New Zealand 1993**, Vol. 7 Mar 1993, 190pp, \$235 (inc. 3 looseleaf updates: June/Sept/Dec), from 2642 George Downes Drive, Bucketty, NSW 2250 (049) 988 144 fax (049) 988 247.

Inquiries

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, **Rights and Obligations of the Media**, inquiry into areas like the right to privacy and the right to know; protection of journalists' sources; public access to the media; journalistic ethics; courts and the media; disciplinary processes for journalists. Submissions invited by 3 September. Contact: Paul Griffiths, Committee Secretary, (06) 277 3560 fax (06) 277 5794.

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