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Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

Broadbanders should take action, says ABA chairman, 6/9/95

New commercial radio licence for Mildura/Sunraysia, 22/9/95

ABA releases Australian drama pay TV guidelines, 25/9/95

Final ABA standard will increase Australian content on TV, 26/9/95

New ABA TV and radio proposals for south west WA, 29/9/95

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Finding on complaint against Four Corners, 7/9/95 The ABC and subscription services, 22/9/95 ABC strengthens television news and current affairs, 27/9/95 The ABC and Australian Information Modia, 28/0/05

The ABC and Australian Information Media, 28/9/95

Australian Centre for Independent Journalism

New ethics code shortchanges journalists, 1/9/95

Australian Consumers' Association

Consumers pay for two superhighways, 13/9/95

Minister for Consumer Affairs

Axing of ABC 'Investigators' leaves hole in market, 28/9/95

Optus

Optus makes high speed networking a reality, 14/9/95 Optus CEO resigns, 29/9/95

Senator Richard Alston

Telstra a milch cow for Keating, 11/9/95 Does Lee have the right stuff?, 13/9/95 Beazley encourages Australia Post porkies, 21/9/95 Print media report, 26/9/95 Government retransmission decision fundamental breach of copyright principles, 27/9/95 ABC pays the price for closed access government, 28/9/95

Telstra

Telstra opens new office in Hanoi, 5/9/95 Steady improvement at Telstra, 11/9/95 Telstra and Digital put working from home to the test, 21/9/95

Telstra signs contract for Vietnam's domestic satellite network, 22/9/95

Court action on telecommunications reseller practices, 29/9/95

Conferences & Seminars

November

16,17,18: The Information Superhighway Conference and Exhibition, Darling Harbour Conference Centre. For more information, phone: 02-368 1100, fax: 02-357 4460.

16: *Cyberspace: Open for business -* a CEDA seminar. Part 6 in a series of strategic issues forums - The emerging information revolution in government and its implications for manufacturing, financial, professional and services firms. Chaired by Brian Johns, managing director of the ABC. Cost: members,\$85; non-members, \$115. Contact: 02-299 7022, fax: 02-299 7020.

20,21: IIR Conference - *Telecommunications and technology pricing and cost control*, Gazebo Hotel, Sydney. Speakers include: Professor Henry Ergas, Trade Practices Commission; Allan Horsley, ATUG; Oliver Stacey, Optus Communications; Peter Waters, Gilbert & Tobin. Cost: \$1750. Contact - 02-9954 5844.

21,22: IIR Conference - *New media: Latest opportunities for marketers*, Eden on the Park Hotel, Melbourne. Presentations from: Globe Media, Optus Vision, Coles Myer, Microsoft, Gilbert & Tobin, Voom Creative. Cost: \$1,495. Contact: 02-9954 5844.

24-26: *Our Vision, Our Voice*, 23rd national conference of community broadcasters, Monash University, Melbourne. Cost: CBAA members, \$150; non-members, \$300. Contact: Letizia Mestre, phone (02) 310 2999, fax (02) 319 4545.

24,25: Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre (AMIC) - *Update on communication technology,* Harbour View Hotel, Singapore. Cost: \$US450. Contact: Mr Virgilio Labrador, AMIC, phone: 65-251 5106; fax: 65-253 4535.

27,28: IIR Conference - *Doing Business On-Line*, Golden Gate Hotel, Sydney. Speakers include: John Rimmer, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet; Hugh Irvine, connect.com.au. Cost: \$1895. Contact: 02-9954 5844.

December

4-5: AIC Conferences, *Telecomms - a business briefing*, Gazebo Hotel, Sydney. Speakers from: Optus; Ericsson; AGB McNair; Spectrum Management Agency; Blake, Dawson, Waldron. Cost: \$1495. Contact: (02) 210 5700, fax (02) 221 7773.

7-8: IIR Conferences, *Recent developments in information privacy*, Medina on Crown, Sydney. Speakers include: Federal Privacy Commissioner, Kevin O'Connor; [and President, Australian Law Reform Commission, [Alan Rose. Cost: \$1295. Contact: (02) 9954 5844, fax [(02) 9959 4684.

13-14: IIR Conferences, *The Fifth Annual ISDN Summit,* Golden Gate Hotel, Sydney. Sessions on: industry directions and trends; local and global ISDN applications; advanced ISDN implementation. Cost: \$1495. Contact: (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684.

February

12-13: National Police Research Unit, *The world wide web of crime - Who's controlling the traffic?*, Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne. Cost: \$400. Contact: (08) 363 3033, fax (08) 363 2164.

21-22: AIC Conferences: *Voice and data networks*, Hotel Nikko, Darking Harbour, Sydney. Cost: \$1595 for two-day conference. Contact (02) 210 5777, fax (02) 221 7773.

Publications

Consumers' Telecommunications Network, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Consumer Law Centre Victoria, *Voices in the Market - consumer consultation and advocacy in an era of competition*, October 1995. Copies available from Consumers' Telecommunications Network, 128 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010. Phone (02) 318 2026, fax (02) 318 2031.

Economic Planning Advisory Commission, *Private Infrastructure Task Force report*, September 1995. Analyses the need for greater private sector investment in future public infrastructure. 127 pages. Copies available through AGPS bookshops.



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