



# Policy File

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

## Media Releases

### Australian Broadcasting Authority

*Death on Request* Documentary not in Breach 3/4/95  
Three Day Ad Blackout - Federal by-Election for Division of Wentworth (NSW) 4/4/95  
ABA Allocates Pay TV Licences to Private Cable Network Pty Ltd 11/4/95  
ABA Allocates Pay TV Licences to Cox Media Pty Ltd 12/4/95  
ABA Investigation into Control of Seven Network 19/4/95  
ABA Finds Mr Packer is Not in Breach 24/4/95  
ABA to Visit North QLD for Radio Meetings 28/4/95

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation

ABC Radio to Broadcast Atlanta Olympics 10/4/95  
ICRP Report on Complaint by Dr Lim in Northern Territory 18/4/95  
Statement from the ABC Board 26/4/95  
Broadcast News Australia 27/4/95

### Australian Film Finance Corporation

FFC Receives Solid Response to Film Fund 19/4/95

### Australis Media Ltd

Australis signs Distribution Agreement with Satellite Licensee A 23/4/95  
Galaxy Prepares to Expand Coverage to 97% of Australian Households 24/4/95

### Communications Law Centre

Parliament Must Plan the Information Superhighway 25/4/95

### Foxtel

Foxtel Announces Production Facility for Sydney 21/4/95

### Minister for Communications and the Arts

Volunteer Surf Rescue Clubs to be Exempt 12/4/95  
Bright Future for Australian Music Industry 20/4/95  
New Telephone Service for the Hearing and Speech Impaired 24/4/95  
Mr Packer and John Fairfax Publications 24/4/95

### Minister for Justice

Copyright Law Review Committee Report on Computer Software Protection Released 12/4/95

### Optus

Optus and Telstra Agree on Interconnect Terms for Competitive Local Phone Calls 21/4/95  
Optus Applauds AUSTEL finding that Telstra Breached Telecommunications Act 28/4/95  
Regional Queensland's reminder phone ballot starts tomorrow 30/4/95

### Senator Richard Alston

TTY Service: Lee Caught Out Again 4/4/95  
ABC Should use Williams' Departure to Reassess its Involvement in Pay TV 12/4/95  
Lee must say whether Telecommunications and Postal Cross Subsidies will be Abolished 12/4/95  
Labor Lets its Fingers do the Flogging 13/4/95  
Disgraceful CD Decision a Kick in the Groin for Young Australians 20/5/95  
Lee Faces Caucus Revolt on Media Ownership 27/4/95

## Conferences & Seminars

### June

**14:** Arts Law Centre of Australia, *Tales from the Infobahn III: The Arts in the Information Age*, The Gunnery, 43 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo, Sydney. Cost: Students - \$25; Individuals artists - \$40; Non-profit organisations - \$80; Commercial organisations - \$150. Contact: (tel) 02 356 2566 or 008 221457, (fax) 02 358 6475.

**16:** The Public Sector Research Centre, *The Price of Competition: What will competition policy and the Hilmer Report mean for public and community services?* Issues addressing effects of this report, who will win and who will lose. Expert speakers from NSW Govt, PIAC, Trade Unions. New College, UNSW. Cost: \$60.00. Contact: Margaret Micallef (tel) 02 385 3241, (fax) 02 385 3059.

**16:** IIR Conferences, *Understanding the Basics of ISDN and its Implementation*, Sheraton Wentworth Hotel, Sydney. One day workshop to gain a complete, up-to-date introduction to ISDN and what it can do. Cost: \$795. Contact: (tel) 02 954 5844, (fax) 02 959 44684.

**22-23-24:** AMIC Annual Conference, *Communications, Culture and Development*, Hotel Indonesia, Jakarta. Implications of developments and trends in Asia-Pacific

Communications. Cost: US\$350 - group discounts available. Contact: Mr Virgilio Labrador, Conference Co-ordinator, AMIC, 35 Newton Road, Singapore, (tel) +65 251 5106, (fax) +65 253 4535.

**26-27:** IBC Conferences, *National Competition Policy - Charting Australia's Future*, Ritz Carlton, Double Bay. Key areas to be addressed include the role of the TPC, financial implications for Federal and State budgets. Cost: \$1,495. Contact: (tel) 02 319 3901, (fax) 02 699 3901.

**26-27-28:** AIC Conferences, *Cable and Telephony Post 1997*, The Sydney Hilton, Sydney. Featuring a key Ministerial address by Minister Lee, plus presentation by leading international practitioners. Cost: \$1,995. Contact: (tel) 02 210 5777, (fax) 02 221 7773.

**28:** IBC Conferences, *The Corporate Internet Explosion*, The Hotel Inn Menzies, Sydney. Key issues addressing the advantages of the Internet for business, the legal issues, protecting your network against sabotage and penetration. Cost: \$795. Contact: (tel) 02 319 3755, (fax) 02 699 3901.

## Publications

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Your Say - A Review of audience concerns about Australia's broadcast media May 1995*. Available from ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney NSW, 2000, 54 pages, cost \$10.

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Investigation into Control, Mr Kerry Packer/John Fairfax Holdings Ltd; A Report on the Australian Broadcasting Authority's investigation into a possible breach of paragraph 60(b) of the Broadcasting Services Act, 1992 by Mr Kerry Packer 1995*. Available from ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney NSW, 2000

Ian Ward, *Politics of the Media*, Macmillan Publishers, Melbourne, 322 pages, cost \$32.95.

McKenzie Wark, *Virtual Geography - Living with Global Media Events*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington and Indianapolis, 252 pages, cost \$24.95.

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