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

Media Releases

ACCC

Agreement reached in relation to ACCC's claims in its Federal Court action (joint statement with The Nine Network Australia), 25/10/96

AUSTEL

Quality of service figures for GSM, 18/10/96

Australia Post

Report profit announced, 1/10/96

Australian Broadcasting Authority

New community radio licence for Mildura, 13/9/96 ABA appeals Australian content judgment, 13/9/96 New radio service for Geraldton, WA, 16/9/96

New commercial radio licence for Swan Hill, Victoria, 17/9/96

Radio services for Alice Springs and Mt Isa, 18/9/96 Commercial TV licences for Darwin and Mildura to be auctioned, 19/9/96

ABA to focus on extra radio channels for Sydney, 20/9/96 ABA seeks submission on radio services in Lightning Ridge, 24/9/96

Applications sought for community radio licence in Ceduna, 25/9/96

Radio services for Esperance, Kalgoorlie and Merredin areas, 8/10/96

New commercial radio licences for Katanning and Narrogin, $10\!/10\!/96$

ABA seeks comment on NZ variations to Australian content standard, 11/10/96

New radio services in remote Central and Eastern Australia, 17/10/96

New ABA guide to anti-siphoning rules, 22/10/96

ABA invite comment on use of the sixth television channel, 27/10/96

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

ABC Radio 1996-7 budget, 26/9/96

New structure for ABC News and Current Affairs, 26/9/96

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

ACCC not to oppose Australis/Optus Vision Pay TV joint venture, 4/10/96

ACCC establishes Internet home page, 11/10/96

ACCC institutes proceedings on Darwin/WA regional TV deals, $24/10/96\,$

Australian Press Council

Politicians' restriction of media access unjustifiable, 27/9/96 Annual Report released, 17/10/96 Revised Statement of Principles, 23/10/96

Australis Media Limited

Australis served with Statements of Claim by News/Foxtel and Telstra, 14/10/96 Australis to proceed with recapitalisation, joint venture, 4/10/96 Gamble resigns from Australis, 16/10/96

Minister for Communications and the Arts -Senator Alston

Second tranche draft of telecommunications legislation, 13/9/96

Submissions called for Film Assistance Review, 20/9/96 Review of Australian content on Pay TV announced, 26/9/96

Cross media Review Issues Paper released, 1/10/96 Third tranche draft of telecommunications legislation, 1/10/96

Government to study health effects of mobile phones and other radiocommunications equipment, 15/10/96

Optus Vision

Support for ARL re-affirmed, 4/10/96

Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

Deputy TIO reports on phone problems in WA, 4/10/96 Annual Report reveals 56% rise in complaints, 9/10/96

Telstra

Telstra to refund 1.5 ServiceNet customers, 18/9/96 AUSTEL frame relay decision welcomed, 2/10/96

Conferences & Seminars

November

8: Mallesons Stephen Jaques and CLC: Access to *Broadband*, Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Level 60, Governor Phillip Tower. Speakers are Peter Waters, Gilbert & Tobin; Deena Shiff, Mallesons Stephen Jaques . Time: 8-9 am. Contact: Jodie Lauretti (02) 9296 3208.

December

4: IIR Conferences: *Legal Perils in Cyberspace*, Parkroyal Plaza Hotel, Sydney. Key presentations include Peter Webb, Chairman, ABA; Philip Argy, Partner, Mallesons Stephen Jaques; Patrick Fair, Deputy Chairman, IIAA. Cost: \$895 (one day), \$1595 (any two days), \$2195 (any three days). Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684, email iir@ozemail.com.au

11: IIR Conferences: *Legal Perils in Cyberspace*, Savoy Park Plaza Hotel, Melbourne. Key presentations include Peter Webb, Chairman, ABA; Warren Rothnie, Senior Associate, Mallesons Stephen Jaques; Patrick Fair, Deputy Chairman, IIAA. Cost: \$895 (one day), \$1595 (any two days), \$2195 (any three days). Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684, email iir@ozemail.com.au

February

4, 5 & 6: AIC Conferences: Australasian Cable & Satellite Television Conference, Darling Harbour Convention and Exhibition Centre, Sydney. Key presentations include Donald Gibbs, Chief, International Bureau, FCC; Fred A. Vierra, Chairman and CEO, TCI International. Cost: \$2295. Contact: tel (02) 9210 5777, fax (02) 9221 7773.

Publications

Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, *Privacy Protection in the Private Sector*, discussion paper, 27 pp. Available on the Internet at: http://www.agps.gov.au/ customer/agd/clrc/privacy.htm or from International Civil and Privacy Branch, Attorney-General's Department, National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600; tel (06) 250 6211, fax (06) 250 5939. Comments on the paper are invited and should be sent to Kathy Leigh at the above address by 29 November.

Bureau of Transport and Communications Economics, Occasional Paper No 12: Film and Television Co-Production, 129 pp. Available from the Manager, Information Services, AGPS, GPO Box 84, Canberra ACT 2601, tel (06) 274 6846, fax (06) 274 6816, email btceAemail.dot.gov.au



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