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

Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA finding on News and Telstra not required, 1/5/96
Board control of media companies imperative, says ABA Chairman, 6/5/96

Renewal of Sydney community television transmitter licence, 7/5/96

New commercial radio licences for Port Hedland, Goulburn, and Charters Towers (Qld), 14/5/96

ABA not investigating 'Today Tonight' Broadcast, 20/5/96

New commercial radio licences for Roma, Karratha and Gunnedah, 23/5/96

ABA allocates temporary community TV licence for Hobart, 30/5/96

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

ICRP review of complaint by Advertiser Newspapers, 8/5/96

ABC Funding, 15/5/96

Independent complaints review panel and BHP complaint, 20/5/96

ABC expected to lose around 300 job to meet a projected shortfall for the year 1996/97 year, 31/5/96

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Optus acts on ACCC concerns over bill comparisons, 12/5/96

A likely breach of section 47 of the Trade Practices Act - Golden West Network Pty Ltd and Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd, 31/5/96

Australis Media Limited

Australis completes financing arrangements, 10/5/96
Australis Media appoints Chief Operating Officer - Mr Larry Carleton, 13/5/96

Minister for Communications and the Arts

- **Senator Alston**

Government releases terms of reference and membership for violence investigation, 8/5/96

Remembering the past at old parliament house, 9/5/96

Australian cultural grants have miles to go, 10/5/96

Government acts on community concerns about exposure to electromagnetic energy, 10/5/96

Optus Communications

Optus in agreement to facilitate exports, 20/5/96

Optus announces one million residential long distance customers, 20/5/96

Optus comment on proposed sale by Mayne Nickless of its shareholding in Optus, 29/5/96

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

Getting rural Australia on-line, 23/5/96

Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

TIO urges more information on analogue phase-out for small business, 1/5/96

TIO to focus on phase out of analogue mobile phones, 1/5/96

TIO scheme must cover service providers to protect consumers, 29/5/96

Telstra

Telstra announces cable-on-cable safety net for international customers, 8/5/96

Telstra a leader in privacy protection, 9/5/96

Vodafone

Vodafone gains top credit rating by Moody's and Standard and Poor's, 8/5/96

Conferences & Seminars

June

24 & 25: IIR Conferences: *The Internet: Hype or Reality?* Golden Gate Hotel, Sydney. Featuring 13 key local speakers plus presentations. Cost: \$1495. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684. Email iir@ozemail.com.au

24 & 25: IIR Conferences: *Computers & the Law*, Medina on Crown, Sydney. The conference will address the legislation, regulations and initiatives in computer law. Key speakers, Associate Professor, Graham Greenleaf, Faculty of Law, UNSW, Peter Faris, QC, Director, LawNet. Cost: \$1495. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684. Email iir@ozemail.com.au

24, 25 & 26: IIR Conferences: *1996 New Zealand Telecommunications Summit*, The James Cook Centra Hotel, Wellington, NZ. Opening Ministerial address by The Hon Maurice Williamson, Minister for Communications. Cost: \$2095. Contact: tel (09) 379 5892, fax (09) 309 7986.

25 & 26: AIPC Conferences: *Restructuring Internal Communications*, The Hilton Hotel, Sydney. Issues include using Web technology to revolutionise internal communications, and using internal communication as a strategic tool. Cost: \$1595. Contact: tel (02) 262 1990, fax (02) 262 1858.

28: IIR Conferences: *Privatising Telstra*, Melbourne. An essential one-day briefing for all corporate and government executives in telecommunications and finance. Featuring expert commentary and analysis. Cost: \$895. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684. Email iir@ozemail.com.au

July

17 & 18: IIR Conferences: *Telephone On-line Banking*, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sydney. Key presentations include; Telstra Multimedia, IBM Home Banking, Macquarie Bank. Cost: \$1595. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684. Email iir@ozemail.com.au

August

6: Consumers' Telecommunications Network (CTN): *Dial 'M' for Market, Australian Consumers and Telecommunications Futures*, Wesley Conference Centre. Contact: CTN for program and registration details - 1st floor, 128 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills, 2010, tel (02) 318 2026, fax (02) 318 2031. TTY: (02) 318 2967. Email: ctn@peg.apc.org

Publications

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Investigation into Control - Report into possible breach of section 57, 60, 64 & 131 of the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 by News Corporation Ltd.*, 1996, pp 105. Available from ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney NSW 2000, tel (02) 334 7700, fax (02) 334 7799.

Communications Law Centre, *The Progress of Telecommunications Reform in Australia: The Impact for the Industry and the Consumer*, background paper prepared by Holly Raiche for CLC, given at the IIC Telecommunications Forum, April 1996, pp30. Available from CLC, The White House, UNSW, NSW, 2052, tel (02) 663 0551, fax (02) 662 6839. Email: comslaw@ozemail.com.au

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