

Policy File



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

Media Releases

AAPT

AAPT awarded South Australian Government TSM contract, 18/6/96

Australian Broadcasting Authority

Digital and on-line services to expand broadcasting, 5/6/96

New commercial radio licences for Colac and Taree, 6/6/96

New commercial radio licences for Gympie, Nambour and Emerald, 13/6/96

ABA allocates temporary community TV licence for Bendigo, 13/6/96

Slight increase in TV and radio complaints, 17/6/96

ABA establishes formal ties with Korean regulator, 19/6/96

Radio important to listeners, despite listening decline, 20/6/96

New commercial radio licences for Albany, Armidale, Inverell and Longreach, 20/6/96

ABA allocates Pay TV licences to Optus Vision Media Pty Ltd, 26/6/96

Study shows parents supervise their children's use of electronic entertainment, 27/6/96

New Australian Drama on Pay TV, 28/6/96

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

ABC enterprise agreement, 7/6/96

ICRP review of complaint by Ms Leonie Lamont, 12/6/96

Australis Media Limited

Quarterly results - 31 March 1996, 4/6/96

Minister for Communications and the Arts

- Senator Alston

Australia could become technology museum, 14/6/96

Australian books account for 58% of domestic book sales, 25/6/96

Optus Communications

South Australian company joins Optus export drive, 4/6/96

OptusVision

Optus Vision refutes latest LGA claim, 6/6/96

Optus launches local telephony service, 27/6/96

Telstra

Telstra launches PhoneAway card, 4/6/96

Telstra completes world's longest superhighway digital system, 7/6/96

Telstra Internet survey unveils explosive growth, 14/6/96

Telstra welcomes Optus to the local call market, 27/6/96

Conferences & Seminars

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

18 & 19: AIC Conferences: *Telecommunications - Deregulation...Privatisation...Reform*, Hotel Intercontinental, Sydney. Key speakers include Geoffrey Cousins, CEO, Optus Vision, Professor Mark Armstrong, ABC and RMIT, Senator Cheryl Kernot, Australian Democrats. Cost: \$1595. Contact: tel (02) 210 5777, fax (02) 221 7773.

26: Service Providers Action Network (SPAN): *Electronic & Online Services Forum*, Australian Broadcasting Authority, Level 15, IBM Building, 201 Sussex St, Sydney. The forum aims to develop 'in principle agreements' between the government and service provider organisations on issues of self regulation, industry policy and user education issues. Participants in the forum include Senator Richard Alston, Minister for Communications and the Arts, Peter Webb, Chairman, Australian Broadcasting Authority, Neil Tuckwell, Chairman, AUSTEL. The Minister has indicated he may make 'an important Government Policy Statement' at the forum. Participation in the forum is limited to representatives of a nominated list of service provider organisations. Cost: \$25. Contact Paul Budde, tel (049) 988 144, fax (049) 988 247. Email pbc@online.tmx.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

12 & 13: IIR Conferences: *Information Privacy*, Boulevard Hotel, Sydney. Key speakers include Kevin O'Connor, Federal Privacy Commissioner, Alan Rose AO, President, Australian Law Reform Commission, Associate Professor Graham Greenleaf, General Editor, Privacy Law & Policy Reporter. Cost: \$1495. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684. Email iir@ozemail.com.au

14: University of New South Wales Public Sector Research Centre: *The Telstra Privatisation Debate*, Fitzgerald Room, Roundhouse, University of New South Wales, Anzac Pde, Kensington. Speakers include members of the Senate Committee, representatives from the Consumer Telecommunications Network, academia and union groups. Cost: \$60. Contact Heidi Nelson, tel (02) 385 1009, fax (02) 385 3059.

26 & 27: IIR Conferences: *Intranet - the Corporate Web*, Golden Gate Hotel, Sydney. Key presentations include Sun Microsystems, BHP, Optus Communications. Cost: \$1595. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684. Email iir@ozemail.com.au

Publications

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Investigation into the Content of On-line Services*, 1996, 212 pp. Available from ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney NSW 2000, tel (02) 334 7700, fax (02) 334 7799.

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Music, new music and all that: Teenage Radio in the 90s*, 1996, 80pp. Available from ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney NSW 2000, tel (02) 334 7700, fax (02) 334 7799.

Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee Electronic Publishing Working Group, *Key Issues in Electronic Publishing*, 1996, Canberra, 130pp. Available from AV-CC, PO Box 1182, Canberra ACT 2601, tel (06) 285 8200, fax (06) 285 8211.

NSW Attorney General's Department, *Protecting Confidential Communications from Disclosure in Court Proceedings*, discussion paper. Available from the Legislation and Policy Division of the Attorney General's Department, tel (02) 228 7435 or (02) 228 8103. Comments on the proposals contained in the paper should be made before 15 August 1996 and addressed to The Director General, Attorney General's Department of NSW, GPO Box 6, Sydney NSW 2000.

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