

Policy file

Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

New radio services proposed for Cairns, Atherton and Innisfail, 6/8/97

ABC welcomes court decision on CanWest, 8/8/97

New community radio broadcasting licence for Broome, 13/8/97

Digital TV essential for long-term FTA viability, 13/8/97

New radio services for Ballarat, 14/8/97

New radio services for Bendigo, 14/8/97

ABA seeks comment on proposed licence condition for new TV licence in remote and regional WA, 14/8/97

New community radio licences for Halls Creek WA and Torres Strait Qld, 29/8/97

Australis providing 'Super League' pay TV service without a licence, 29/8/97

Major rollout of temporary community radio stations, 1/9/97

ABA invites comment on Albany community radio applicants, 1/9/97

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Former ABA Director Colin Knowles appointed Head of Technology Strategy and Development, 12/8/97

Jean-Gabriel Manguy appointed Network Manager of Radio Australia, 13/8/97

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

ACCC 'light-handed' not 'hands-off' telecoms regulator, 2/9/97

Australian Computer Society

ACS cautiously welcomes APAC report, 27/8/97

Australian Democrats – Senator Lyn Allison

Free 013 calls only to December 1998, 26/8/97

Minister for Communications and the Arts – Senator Alston

Telstra's billing practices re service providers to be investigated, 15/8/97

Government rejects Telstra's application to charge for 013 services, 26/8/97

Optus Communications

Mobile digital customers offered Calling Number Display facility, 25/8/97

Chris Anderson appointed CEO, Rod Olsen to relocate from England to Sydney (joint announcement with Cable & Wireless), 29/8/97

1996/7 financial results released, 28/8/97

Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

Internet users may file complaints online, 18/8/97

TIO grows to over 200 companies, 18/8/97

Telstra

Telstra pleased with response to draft USO plan, 22/8/97

Telstra to move into smart cards, 26/8/97

Ziggy Switkowski appointed Group Managing Director, Business and International, 21/8/97

1996/7 financial results announced, 29/8/97

Conferences & Seminars

September

29 & 30: IIR Conferences, *telecoms@internet*, Hilton Hotel, Sydney. A conference assessing the impact of the Internet on the telecommunications industry. Speakers include John Matthews, Ovum; Paul Brooks, Global One; Michael Ward, Ozemail; Tony Richardson, Telstra Big Pond. Cost: \$1795. Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684.

October

15: Communications Law Centre, Clayton Utz and CAMLA, *Five years of the*

Broadcasting Services Act: time for reform?, offices of Clayton Utz, Level 34, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney. See advertisement in this issue. Cost: \$325/\$295 (CAMLA members)/\$100 (students and community organisations). Contact: Renata Waters, tel (02) 9663 0551, fax (02) 9662 6839, email: comslaw@ozemail.com.au

November

24, 25 & 26: Australian Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy, *Cultural Crossroads: Ownership, Access, Identity*, ANA Hotel, Sydney. Speakers include Robyn Archer, Adelaide Festival; Janet Holmes a Court; Brian Kennedy,

