

# Policy File

## Media Releases

### Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA tests of Bunbury FM channel are successful, 12/2/97  
ABA hosts broadcasting planning seminar, 20/2/97  
New community radio licence for Ceduna, 21/2/97  
ABA consults with producers in Western Australia, 21/2/97  
New television licence for regional Western Australia, 24/2/97  
Channels for community-funded re-transmission in Perth, 24/2/97  
Commercial radio profits up 25 per cent, 25/2/97  
New commercial radio licence for Coffs Harbour, 26/2/97  
Eight per cent rise in commercial television profits, 27/2/97  
Sixth channel should be used for community access TV, 3/3/97  
Tim O'Keefe to resign from the ABA, 6/3/97

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Senate inquiry into Radio Australia and Australia Television, 13/2/97  
Johns quashes speculation about his resignation, 22/2/97  
Whitlam lecture: ABC Board response, 24/2/97  
'Frontier On-line internet program to commence 5 March, 28/2/97

### Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Telstra Telephone directory data now accessible to all, 19/2/97  
Draft access pricing principles guide for telecommunications issued, 28/2/97  
ACCC obtains injunctions against US phonecard company Destiny Telecomm, 28/2/97  
Australian Local Government Association  
ALGA attacks proposed telecommunications Code, advocates its National Telecommunications Plan, 14/2/97

### Minister for Communications and the Arts – Senator Alston

Big benefits from the part sale of Telstra, 12/12/96  
Minister urges consumers to buy digital mobile phones, 18/12/97  
Government announces new Telecommunications National Code, 23/12/97  
ABC Review released, 24/1/97  
Review of Commonwealth Assistance to the Film Industry released, 6/2/97

Reports on Standard Telephone Service released, 6/2/97  
New moral rights for Australian artists, 4/3/97

### Optus Vision

Optus Vision signs agreement with Boroondara Council, 13/2/97

### Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

Ombudsman warns that access to 190x and 0055 services automatic with standard telephone service, 24/2/97

### Telstra

Telstra launches first live trials of ATM, 19/2/97  
Telstra 'Telepath One Number' 0500 service launched, 11/3/97

## Conferences & Seminars

### March

**13,14,15 & 16: Seventh National Screenwriters Conference**, Sheraton Towers Southgate, Melbourne. Speakers include Paula Milne, Buck Henry and Jan Sardi. Cost: \$340 (writers)/\$490 (others) or \$200 per day. Contact: John Nicholl Media tel (03) 9686 7166 fax (03) 9686 7160.

**19 & 20: IQPC, Restructuring internal communication to drive radical change**, Hilton Hotel, Sydney. Key presentations from Coles Myer, Ericsson Australia, BankWest. Cost: \$1595. Contact: tel (02) 9262 1990.

### May

**12 & 14: IIR Conferences, Data Protection and Privacy**, Boulevard Hotel, Sydney. Speakers include Moira Scollay, Privacy Commissioner; Associate Professor Graham Greenleaf, Kathy Leigh, federal Attorney-General's Legal Practice; The Hon Michael Lavarch, former Attorney-General.

### November

**20-23: Queensland Documentary Association: 5th International Documentary Conference**, Brisbane. Contact: tel (07) 3220 0333, fax (07) 3220 0400, email brisfilm@thehub.com.au

## Publications

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Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Australian Content on pay TV - Investigation in connection with subsection 215(2) of the Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, information paper, 36 pp. Available from the ABA, tel (02) 9334 7700 or from the ABA's Web Site at <http://www.dca.gov.au/aba/hpcov.html>

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