

# Policy file

## Media Releases

### Australia parliament – the Senate

Committee finalises report on telecommunications bills

### Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA presents paper on internet regulation at UNESCO conference, 11/3/97

Australian film industry stands to gain from Pay TV, 12/3/97

ABA invites comment on York community radio applicant, 17/3/97

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation

'Frontier Online' internet forum launched, 14/3/97

### Australian Computer Society

ACS supports McKinsey Report's recommendations for government IT vision, 12/3/97

### Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

Consumers report billing problems, 19/3/97

### Telstra

\$1.4 billion half-yearly profit announced, 7/3/97

## Conferences & Seminars

### April

**10:** Communications Law Centre, *Media Ownership in Australia*, offices of Clayton Utz, Sydney. Speakers include Senator Richard Alston, Minister for Communications; Professor Allan Fels, Chair, ACCC; Peter Webb, Chair ABA; Senator Chris Schacht, Shadow Minister for Communications; Justice Vince Bruce, Chairman, Law Foundation of NSW, Cathy Robinson, Chief Executive, Australian Film Commission; The Hon Michael Duffy, former Attorney General and Minister for Communications and Trade; The Hon Neil Brown, former Minister for Communications; Cass O'Connor, Turnbull & Partners; Nigel Milan, ARN; Helen O'Neill, News Limited; Professor Mark Armstrong, RMIT; Tom Burton, Australian Financial Review. Cost: \$325/

\$295 (CAMLA members)/\$100 (students and community groups). Contact Renata Waters: tel (02) 9663 0551, fax (02) 9662 6839.

### 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. Cost: \$1695 (exclusive of workshop sessions). Contact: tel (02) 9954 5844, fax (02) 9959 4684.

**21 & 22:** AIC Conferences, *Media and Broadcasting Regime*, Wentworth Hotel, Sydney. An analysis of policy, regulation and business in the Australian media industry. Speakers include Peter Webb, Chairman, ABA; Michael Ward, Ozemail; Jock Given, Communications Law Centre. Cost: \$1695. Contact: tel (02) 9210 5777, fax (02) 9221 7773.

**26 & 27 [&28]:** IBC Conferences, *Trade Practices 1997*, Le Meridien at Rialto, Melbourne. Includes separately bookable half-day presentation and workshop (on 28th) on the new trade practices regime in telecommunications (speakers in that session comprise Neil Tuckwell, Chairman, AUSTEL; Brent Fisse, Peter Waters, Liza Carver, Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers). Cost: \$1695 (2 day conference), \$595 (telecommunications workshop), or both for \$2150. Contact: tel (02) 9699 3901, fax (02) 9699 3901.

### June

**2 & 3 [& 4]:** IBC Conferences, *Trade Practices 1997*, Ritz Carlton, Sydney. Includes separately bookable half-day presentation and workshop (on 4th) on the new trade practices regime in telecommunications (speakers in that session comprise Neil Tuckwell, Chairman, AUSTEL; Brent Fisse, Peter Waters, Liza Carver, Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers). Cost: \$1695 (2 day conference), \$595 (telecommunications workshop), or both for \$2150. Contact: tel (02) 9699 3901, fax (02) 9699 3901.

### 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

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>

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting in Australia*, final report of the Digital Terrestrial Television Specialist Group, 105 pp. Available from the ABA, tel (02) 9334 7700.

Australian Council of Social Services, *Electronic Communication and the Community Sector*, paper no. 81, September 1996. Available from ACOSS, tel (02) 9332 4355 fax (02) 9332 1515.

Australian Film Commission, *Get the Picture: essential data on Australian film, television, video and new media*, 4th edition, 310 pp. Available from the AFC, tel (02) 9321 6444 fax (02) 9357 3714. Cost: \$29.95.

Communications Law Centre (written by Tim Dixon), *Telecommunications Privacy*, discussion paper; November 1996. Available from the Centre, tel (02) 9663 0551. /Cost \$20.

Department of Communications and the Arts, *Review of Commonwealth Assistance to the Film Industry* (The Gonski Report) January 1997. Available free of charge from the Department (tel (06) 279 1049) or from the Department's Web Site at <http://www.dca.gov.au/mediarel/filmrev3.html>

Department of Communications and the Arts, *Review of the Standard Telephone Service*; December 1996. Available free of charge from the Department (tel (06) 279 1882) or from the Department's Web Site at <http://www.dca.gov.au/mediarel/stsreport.html>

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