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Media Releases

Australian Broadcasting Authority

ABA invites comment on Ceduna community radio applicant, 26/11/96
ABA to examine Ten share transactions, 6/12/96
New and improved radio services for Bourke and Tenterfield, 13/12/96
Auction for Darwin and Broome narrowcasting licences, 16/12/96
ABA meets with Canwest's Israel Asper, 16/12/96
ABA announces successful bidders for Darwin and Broome licences, 17/12/96
ABA to test FM radio channels in Bunbury, 17/12/96
Television services in remote Central and Eastern Australia, 18/12/96
ABA reports on program investigations, 19/12/96
High power FM radio channels in Sydney, 19/12/96
ABA invites applications for two new community radio licences in Mt Isa, 20/12/96
ABA concludes tests of FM frequencies in Bunbury area, 30/12/96
ABA allocates new commercial TV broadcasting licence for Mildura to Prime Television, 8/1/96
ABA invites applications for a new community radio licence for York, WA, 8/1/97
ABA collects \$165 m in TV and radio licence fees, 9/1/97
UNESCO invites ABA to carry out internet research, 21/1/97
ABA invites applications for a new community radio licence for Kangaroo Island, SA, 29/1/97
Community radio application for Fitzroy Crossing, WA, 3/2/97
ABA allocates new commercial TV licence for Darwin, 3/2/97
ABA invites applications for a new community radio licence for Meekatharra, 4/2/97
ABA discusses internet regulation with European Commission, 4/2/97
New commercial radio licence for Grafton, 5/2/97
Broadcasters looking at large investment for digital TV, 5/2/97
ABA develops model for use of the sixth television channel, 5/2/97
Pay TV industry meets Australian drama requirements, 6/2/97
ABA gives all clear for One FM sale, 6/2/97

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

ABC to rationalise properties, 6/2/97
Johns says ABC an essential, central service, 16/1/97
Chairman welcomes release of Mansfield Report, 24/1/97
Johns says control of intellectual rights critical for the ABC, 5/2/97

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Microsoft corrects internet access offer, 13/12/96
Telstra banned from making misleading statements on radio and television about telecommunications charges, 16/12/96

Minister for Communications and the Arts - Senator Alston

Changes to the Radiocommunications Act, 3/12/96
State and Territory environmental laws to apply post-97, 3/12/96
New telecommunications regime announced, 3/12/96
Government tightens telecommunications national code, 3/12/96
Government announces regional telecommunications infrastructure fund, 5/12/96
Telstra's presence in Tasmania and Queensland, 5/12/96

Telstra

Telstra rolls on with Visionstream sale, 12/12/96
Telstra calls for action on US tariff barriers to Global internet, 4/2/97

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.

Communications Update

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

Australia Government, **The Challenge of a Better ABC** (the Mansfield Report); AGPS January 1997. Available from the Government Information Office in two volumes. Volume 1: **A Review of the role and functions of the ABC** (\$7.95); Volume 2: **A report on submissions received** (\$14.95).

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/mediare/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/mediare/strsreport.html>

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