

Telecom's existing standards:

Telecom's existing standards for telecommunications equipment should be adopted by the standards authority as 'interim' standards to be published within one year. (R102)

Timing of liberalisation:

Liberalisation of the terminal equipment market not occur until:

(a) 'interim' standards are published by the standards authority;

(b) the Technician Licensing Board has commenced operations;

(c) Telecom staff, assets and liabilities have been transferred to Telecom Australia Limited or the proposed independent telecommunications equipment company;

(d) Telecom writes off internal household wiring and offers subscribers the option of purchase or rental of existing telephone handsets;

(e) standards are available for standard terminating plug and socket configurations at terminal installation point and for a standard terminating junction box for a network interface external to subscriber premises. (R103)

LICENCE RENEWAL SEMINAR

Broadcasting inquiries which don't have a "tang of the field of battle" but provide for public participation in broadcasting regulation are the common goal of licensees and interested individuals and groups. The problem is how to achieve this aim.

The Australian Communications Law Association and the Australian Film and Television School held a seminar on licence renewal hearings in Sydney on October 25.

Speakers at the short seminar included Mr Ray Watterson, Mr Steve Keen, Mr A.B. Shand QC, Australian Broadcasting Tribunal Chairman Mr David Jones and Mr Mark Armstrong. An edited excerpt of the transcript of the taped proceedings appears in the November 1982 issue of Media Information Australia. A cassette of the seminar is available from the Australian Communications Law Association, C/- Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, P.O. Box 1, Kensington 2033.

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