



# Policy file

## Media Releases

### AAPT

AAPT gets carrier status, 2/7/97

### Australian Broadcasting Authority

Auctions for Alice Springs, Broome, Katherine and Mildura narrow casting licences, 21/5/97

Return to previous position by CanWest may not be sufficient to satisfy ABA, 21/5/97

Successful narrowcasting bidders announced, 22/5/97

New radio services for Orange and Dubbo, 6/6/97

ABA attends inaugural meeting of the regulatory roundtable for Asia and the Pacific, 11/6/97

Community TV trial on the sixth channel to be continued, 18/6/97

New community radio licence for Kangaroo Island, 23/6/97

New radio services proposed for Albury, Deniliquin, Shepparton and Wangaratta, 27/6/97

New radio licences for Swan Hill, 27/6/97

New radio services for Mudgee and Kandos, 30/6/97

ABA urges merger of Albany community radio applicants, 30/6/97

Youth and music in Australia - review of research, 30/6/97

ABA invites comment on Torres Strait community radio applicant, 3/7/97

'Beverly Hills 90210' breaches TV code on suicide, 10/7/97

ABA joins international group on Internet content rating, 14/7/97

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation

50th anniversary of an independent news service, 1/6/97

Negotiations in progress regarding Australia television, 25/6/97

ABC Internet gateway a first in public broadcasting, 9/7/97

ABC agreement with Seven Network re Australia Television, 10/7/97

#### Correction: Issue 133 June 1997

The article appearing on pp 14 -15 of Issue 133 was titled 'Copyright Reform wound back: The Copyright Law Review Committee's terms of reference have been narrowed to exclude a substantive revision of existing laws'. This heading does not reflect the views of Lucy York, the author of the article, and CU regrets any embarrassment this may have caused.

### Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Optus and Foxtel settle with ACCC, 26/6/97

ACCC issues statement of deemed declared services for telecommunications access, 30/6/97

ACCC seeks views on Telstra 50 cent directory assistance proposal, 8/7/97

### Australian Computer Society

Caution urged on whole of government outsourcing, 11/7/97

### Australian Democrats

Democrats move to prevent timed Internet calls (Senator Allison), 26/7/97

Cables D-Day: state governments left in legislative vacuum (Senator Allison), 29/6/97

Telecommunications industry operating without adequate privacy (Senator Stott Despoja), 1/7/97

### Minister for Communications and the Arts -

#### Senator Alston

AUSTEL report on low-impact facilities and Ministerial Code of Practice released, 13/5/97

*rural & regional.au/forall* released, 28/6/97

Australia Post review established, 2/6/97

Tony Shaw to head ACA, 16/6/97

Working group on underground cabling meets, 16/6/97

'Networking the Nation' - \$250 million Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund launched, 20/6/97

National framework for on-line content regulation (joint release with Attorney-General), 15/7/97

### Optus

Management changes, 13/6/97

Cable & Wireless acquires Bell South's shareholding to acquire 49%, 1/7/97

### Service Providers' Action Group (SPAN)

SPAN criticises Telstra's 'anti-competitive' timetable, 7/7/97

### Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

TIO welcomes Telstra 'COT' cost payments, 4/7/97

Service providers must join TIO scheme, 8/7/97

### Telstra

Telstra denies claims of improper practices over COT cases, 25/6/97

## Conferences & Seminars

### August

**1 & 2:** Immedia!, *3rd National Entertainment Industry Conference*, ABC Radio Centre, Ultimo, Sydney. Cost: \$150 (one day)/\$250 (both days). Contact: tel (02) 9557 7766, fax (02) 9957 7788.

**11 & 12:** AIC Conferences, *Telecommunications Access Summit*, Sydney Marriott Hotel. Speakers include Terry Cutler, Cutler & Co; Neil Tuckwell, ACCC Consultant; Franco Papandrea, BTCE; Peter Waters, Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers; Peter Darling, Group Manager Technical Regulation, Telstra. Cost: \$1695. Contact: tel (02) 9210 5777; fax (02) 9221 7773.

### October

**15:** Communications Law Centre, *Five Years of the Broadcasting Services Act - time for reform?*, offices of Clayton Utz, Sydney. Speakers include Tony Shaw, Hon Richard Alston, Hon Kim Beazley, Hon Diedre O'Connor. Further details in next issue of *CU*. Contact Renata Waters tel (02) 9663 0551, fax (02) 9662 6839.

### November

**24, 25 & 26:** Australian Key Centre for Cultural and Media Policy, *Cultural Crossroads: Ownership, Access, Identity*, ANA Hotel, Sydney. More details in next issue of *CU*. Contact: Karen Perkins, tel (07) 3875 5350, fax (07) 3875 5511, email CMP@hum.gu.edu.au. Website: [http://www.gu.edu.au/gwis/akccmp/crossroads\\_conf.html](http://www.gu.edu.au/gwis/akccmp/crossroads_conf.html)

## Publications

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Investigation Report - Agro's Cartoon Connection*, June 1997. Available from the ABA, tel (02) 9334 7700.

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Youth and Music in Australia - a review*, Monograph 8 part 1, Sydney, June 1997. Available from the ABA, tel (02) 9334 7700.

Communications Law Centre, *Australian Telecommunications Regulation - the Communications Law Centre Guide*, July 1997. Edited by Alasdair Grant. Written by Alasdair Grant, Holly Raiche, Thomas Jones, Bronwyn James and Jock Given. A comprehensive guide to the new telecommunications regime. Available from the Centre, tel (02) 9663 0551. Cost \$45.

Government of Western Australia, Information Policy Council, *Communications Audit: the needs of Regional Western Australians* (produced by The Boshe Group), June 1997. The Full Report comprises the Executive Summary and summarised versions of the nine Region Reports. The nine Region Reports are separately available. Cost: Full Report \$25, Region Reports \$15/10 (colour/B&W), Executive Summary free. Contact: Linda Box, Department of Commerce and Trade, tel (08) 9327 5666, fax (08) 9327 5542.

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