



# Policy File

..... A Monthly Round-Up of Press Releases, Reports, Publications and Conferences .....

## Media Releases

### AUSTEL

Optus's Network Roll-out 17/3/93  
AUSTEL Specialist (*Dr Bob Horton*) to Head International Advisory Group (*on telecommunications standards*) 18/3/93

### Australian Broadcasting Authority

Low Power Info Services Extended to 1995 3/3/93  
Three Day Ad Blackout for Federal Election 8/3/93  
ABA Licenses Community TV in Sydney and Melbourne 9/3/93  
TV and Radio Return to Profit 16/3/93  
ABA Considers Radio Codes of Practice 19/3/93  
ABA Role in ABC and SBS Complaints 26/3/93

### Australian Broadcasting Corporation

\$10,000 Ian Reed Foundation Prize for Radio Drama Awarded 15/3/93  
ABC Appoints Director of Music (Nathan Waks) 22/3/93  
Assessment of Victoria Police Complaint About *Four Corners* 26/3/93  
ABC Journalists Industrial Dispute 31/3/93  
Two Appointments Strengthen ABC Management Team (Chris Anderson Head of Information Services TV and Ian Macintosh, Manager News Sources) 31/3/93

### National Transmission Agency

SBS Television Extends to Darling Downs 4/3/93  
Extensions to ABC Radio Services (Lithgow, Warrnambool, Bathurst Island, Gloucester) - various releases, 10/3/93

### Special Broadcasting Service

SBS Steps Up Radio Marketing Drive 17/3/93

### Telecom

Telecom Switches on World's Best in Brisbane (launch of digital cordless phone network) 17/3/93  
People Aged 55+ Go Mobile 25/3/93  
First Official Digital Mobile Call 31/3/93

## Conferences, Seminars

### April

**26-27:** AIC Conferences, *Asia Pacific Film and Cinema Conference*, Hotel Conrad Hong Kong. Speakers drawn from producers, funding agencies, distributors and exhibitors, film lawyers, with information about marketing into Asia, financing, licensing, investment. Precedes Hong Kong International Film Festival. Registration and lunches: \$US995. Contact: HK (852) 520 1481, fax (852) 866 7340.

**29-30:** IIR Conferences, *Rural and Remote Telecommunications: determining communications needs through innovative applications and technologies*, Sheraton Hotel Brisbane. Speakers from Q-Tel, SA and WA governments, DEET, AUSTEL, Qld Dept of Education. Featuring two user case studies - Qld Bureau of Emergency Services and Royal Flying Doctor Service. Cost: \$1195. Contact: as above.

### May

**10-13:** ATUG, *Competition in Action: 10th Annual Conference*, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Focusing on the new telecommunications environment which offers users a choice of services and competitive prices. Additional seminars (10 May) on small business and a communications update. Costs: seminars \$450, conference \$1075 (less for ATUG members). Contact: Business Meetings, PO Box 476, St Leonards 2065, (02) 965 42423, fax (02) 906 1599.

**19:** Communications Law Centre, *Freedom Of Information: Documents, Dossiers and the Inside Dope*, Seminar and Book Launch (see also publications). Speakers include Justice Deidre O'Connor, Paul Chadwick, Annie Cossins. For further information ph: (02) 663 0551, fax (02) 662 6839.

### June

**24-25:** IIR Conferences, *Fleet Mobile Communications: new applications and the latest technologies*, Hotel Intercontinental Sydney. Key international speaker is US lawyer Russell Fox, former president of American Mobile Telecommunications Association; also five case study presentations from local and state governments. Cost: \$1295. Contact: (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

**28-30:** Pan Asian Telecommunications Task Force, *Privatising and Financing Telecommunications: 1993 Pan-Asian Summit*, Hotel Kowloon Shangri La, Hong Kong. Strategies for accelerating telecommunications restructuring, development and growth, with over 30 participating organisations from Asia, the US, Europe, including the World Bank, AUSTEL, Optus, HK Telecom, OFTEL, Cable and Wireless Asia Pacific. Cost: \$US1895 (excluding accommodation). Australian contact: IIR Conferences, details as above.

### July

**7-9:** Australian Communication Association National Conference, *Communication and Identity: Local, Regional and Global*, Victoria Uni of Technology, Melbourne. Sessions to

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include public relations, journalism, telecommunications and writing. Contact: Helen Borland, 1993 ACA Conference Convenor, Department of Communication and Language Studies, VUT, St Albans Campus, PO Box 14428, Melbourne 3000, (03) 365 2191, fax (03) 365 2242.

## Publications

Kate Harrison and Anne Cossins, **Documents, dossiers and the inside dope: a practical guide to Freedom of Information Law**, Allen and Unwin Sydney 1993, \$17.95, 232pp. Second edition, revised and expanded.

Stuart Cunningham and Graeme Turner eds., **The Media In Australia: Industries, Texts and Audiences**, Allen and Unwin Sydney 1993. Contributions from leading media commentators and critics, covers television, radio, press, film, advertising, publishing and popular music. \$29.95, 414pp.

Department of Transport and Communications, **Broadcasting Reform: a new approach to regulation**, 29 January 1993, Contact: DOTAC, First Assistant Secretary, Broadcasting Policy Division, GPO Box 594, Canberra ACT 2601, ph (06) 274 6599. FREE, 52pp.

Privacy Commissioner, **The Federal Privacy Handbook**, Redfern Legal Publishing Centre December 1992, \$150 or \$80 for non-profit community bodies, also discounts for multiples. Brings together all Australian federal privacy law, with Commissioner's notes to guide the reader to related law, and advice to assist interpretation and implementation. Loose-leaf service with regular updates. Orders: Redfern Legal Publishing Centre, 13A Meagher St Chippendale, NSW 2008 (02) 698 3066 fax (02) 698 3077.

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