

# **Policy File**

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

# **Media Releases**

#### **Austel**

Austel releases Privacy Advisory Committee report on silent lines, 7/6/95

Consumers receive improved quality from carriers, 8/6/95

#### **Australian Broadcasting Authority**

Section 170 Broadcasting Services Act 1992-investigation into control of Seven Network Limited 1/6/95 ABA final draft Oz content standard released 7/6/95 ABA releases draft hearing guidelines 16/7/95 ABA establishes formal ties with Singapore regulator 20/7/95

Digital-The biggest advance in TV since colour in the 70s 22/6/95

Convergence debate not focussed on outcomes, says ABA Chairman, 26/6/95

ABA responds to Australis concerns, 30/6/95

#### **Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

ABC enters international newsgathering alliance, 13/6/95

Senior staff changes at ABC television, 16/6/95 Former ABC correspondents honoured, 28/6/95

#### **Australian Centre for Independent Journalism**

What the media told the ASIS inquiry, 21/6/95 The *Age*'s fake photograph, 21/6/95

#### **Australian Film Finance Corporation**

FFC funds ten new projects in June, 15/6/95 FFC set to announce film fund projects, 30/6/95

#### **Australis Media Ltd**

Galaxy announces the launch of CNBC Asia - 24 hour global business and financial news network, 19/6/95 Galaxy TV's premier sports channel applies to have US PGA gold championship removed from anti-siphoning List, 28/6/95

#### **Copyright Agency Limited**

Queensland Government and CAL agree on copyright, 1/6/95

#### Minister for Communications and the Arts

Creating Multimedia forums hit the road, 14/6/95 Free one-way phone service provides vital line for low

income earners, 21/6/95 Cross media ownership, 27/6/95

#### **Minister for Justice**

Copyright pirates beware!, 29/6/95

#### **Optus**

Optus invests in international satellite access upgrade, 1/6/95

Optus announces 100,000 mobile digital customers, 4/6/95

Optus thanks Queensland for highest ever regional ballot results, 5/6/95

Optus welcomes Austel finding on Telstra dominance, 8/6/95

Optus insight takes the guess work out of marketing and customer service, 8/6/95

Optus assists international satellite launch, 9/6/95

#### **Senator Richard Alston**

Lee must release cross media report, 12/6/95 Why won't Labor implement open cable standards?, 14/6/95

Telstra service declines under Labor, 20/6/95 Senate orders the Government to release ABA report on the cross media rules, 21/6/95

Labor's two-tier phone system an admission of failure, 21/6/95

Lee does complete backflip on ABC funding, 29/6/95

#### **Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman**

Mr John Pinnock commenced his duties as the new Telecommunications Ombudsman in June 1995, 21/6/95

#### Telstra

International experts set superhighway standards, 2/6/95

Melbourne conference sets information superhighway standards, 5/6/95

Telstra disappointed at Austel's finding on dominance ruling, 8/6/95

Customers the losers in Austel dominance ruling, 9/6/95

Telstra consortium wins Indonesian contract, 19/6/95 Telstra launches free'one-way' phone service, 21/6/95 Telstra opens Da Nang Office in central Vietnam, 26/6/95

Telstra shares the Government's commitment to fostering a common national infrastructure for the equitable delivery of electronic education services, 26/6/95 Telstra Representative, John Stanton, appointed Vice-Chairman of Intelsat Board, 28/6/95

#### **Trade Practices Commission**

Seven/Optus Vision not opposed by TPC, 28/6/95 TPC not to oppose co-operation between pay TV satellite licensees Australis Media and Continental Century, 28/6/95

#### Young Media Australia

Big boost for Oz kids' TV, 7/6/95

### **Conferences & Seminars**

#### **August**

8: CTN, Crossed lines - economic myths & social realities in telecommunications, MSB Conference Centre, Level 5, 207 Kent Street, Sydney. Cost, \$150 full registration, \$60/\$40 concession. Contact: CTN-Trish Benson tel (02) 318 2026, fax (02) 318 2031, TTY (02) 318 2967.

**21,22 & 23:** IIR Conferences, *Understanding the Telecommunications Revolution*, Hyatt Kingsgate, Sydney. An intensive overview of telecommunications systems and networks, technologies, products, services, applications and regulation. Cost: Full three days - \$1795, two days - \$1295, one day - \$795. Contact: tel (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

#### September

**6 & 7:** IIR Conferences, *Cable TV & Interactive Services*, Golden Gate Hotel, Sydney. With leading local and international speakers discussing the role of cable TV in an interactive, multi-delivery world. Cost: \$1495. Contact: tel (02) 954 5844, fax (02) 959 4684.

13 & 14: IBC Conferences, *Contemporary issues in Trade Practices*, Menzies Hotel, Sydney. How the Hilmer reforms will affect the operating environment of business. Reconciling the Old and New regimes in Trade Practices. Cost: \$1395. Contact: tel (02) 319 3755, fax (02) 699 3901.

## **Publications**

Australian Broadcasting Authority, *Broadcasting Financial Results* 1993-94. Available from the ABA, PO Box Q500, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney, NSW, 2000. Cost \$60.

DITAC, Public Policy Issues and Service Industries Opportunities for Australia in Digital Video Communications, Report No 4. Available from DITAC, GPO Box 9839, Canberra City, ACT, 2601, tel: (06) 276 1000.

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