



## Regulation and the market

SYDNEY: The future of regulation in an open market was the topic when ABA deputy chairman, Bob Scott addressed the annual general meeting of the Australian Churches Media Association in Sydney on 30 October.



L to R: ABA Member Mr Tim O'Keefe beside keynote speaker and ABA Deputy Chairman, Mr Bob Scott, Ms Margaret Rodgers, (CEO of Anglican Media Sydney and Chairman of Australian Churches Media Association (ACMA)); and Mr Peter Thomas (Director, Catholic Communications, Archdiocese of Sydney and Secretary of ACMA).

Mr Scott also outlined the ABA's investigation of on-line services and discussed community concern about the nature of some of the material available through on-line services.

Mr Scott outlined five main principles governing continuing regulation in an open market:

- government should not intervene unless socially desirable outcomes can't otherwise be achieved
- any form of government intervention should be focussed and appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and diversity in our society;
- any form of imposed regulation should be expert, flexible and responsive;
- protecting the public interest, in having minimum safeguards such as codes of practice, for content regulations, which reflect prevailing community standards and also places a high priority on protection of children;
- a stable business sector, that encourages investment and recognises Australia is part of a global economy.

## New appointment

SYDNEY: Mr Peter Webb, ABA Chairman, has been appointed as an Associate Member of the new Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) from its creation date 6 November 1995 until 4 October 1997.

His appointment as an Associate Member of the TPC lapsed on 5 November 1995.

The ACCC is the body created by the merger of the TPC and the PSA.

## Home Page address

The ABA's home page is now operational. The address is:

<http://www.dca.gov.au/aba/hpcov.htm>

## Transmitter licences issued to aspirant community broadcasters

(from 12 October to 7 November 1995)

| APPLICANT  | AREA             | FREQ      | PERIOD              | DATE SIGNED |
|--|------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| Macarthur Community Radio                          | Campbelltown NSW | 100.5 Mhz | 29/10/95 - 27/11/95 | 4/10/95     |
| Wangaratta Public Radio Assoc Inc.                 | Wangaratta Qld   | 105.7 Mhz | 23/10/95 - 19/11/95 | 19/10/95    |
| Dubbo Radio Rhema                                  | Dubbo NSW        | 94.3 Mhz  | 4/11/95 - 25/11/95  | 19/10/95    |
| Horsham & District Community Radio                 | Horsham Vic      | 95.1 Mhz  | 1/11/95 - 30/11/95  | 19/10/95    |
| Christian Air Broadcasters Ltd                     | Mt Tamborine Qld | 95.7 Mhz  | 29/10/95 - 26/11/95 | 24/10/95    |
| Southern Victoria Community Radio                  | Geelong Vic      | 89.1 Mhz  | 29/10/95 - 19/11/95 | 24/10/95    |
| Gladstone & District Christian Broadcasting Assoc. | Gladstone Qld    | 92.7 Mhz  | 11/11/95 - 26/11/95 | 26/10/95    |
| Gadigal Information Services Aboriginal Cor        | Sydney NSW       | 96.9 Mhz  | 6/11/95 - 12/12/95  | 26/10/95    |
| Port Stephens FM Radio Inc.                        | Nelson Bay NSW   | 99.7 Mhz  | 6/11/95-12/11/95    | 26/10/95    |
| Coffs Harbour Christian Broadcasters Inc.          | Bruxner Park NSW | 106.9 mHz | 28/10/95-26/11/95   | 27/10/95    |
| Free Broadcast Inc.                                | Sydney NSW       | 96.9 Mhz  | 3/11/95 - 5/11/95   | 30/10/95    |
| Tamworth Christian Broadcasters                    | Bald Hills Qld   | 96.3 Mhz  | 3/11/95 - 31/12/95  | 30/10/95    |
| Encounter FM Community Broadcasters                | Victor Harbor SA | 89.3 Mhz  | 6/11/95 - 12/11/95  | 26/10/95    |