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ON PORNOGRAPHY: LITERATURE, SEXUALITY AND OBSCENITY LAW

Ian Hunter, David Saunders and Dugald Williamson. - London: Macmillan, 1993.

The policing of pornography remains the subject of widespread and ongoing controversy. *On Pornography* provides a history of this policing geared to understanding the current debate. The authors show that obscenity law cannot be understood negatively as censorship and must instead be seen as part of the positive administration of a particular practice of sexuality. They also argue that pornography itself should not be described negatively as a mere representation of real sex but positively as a real practice of sex using representations. This history indicates that obscenity law is not, as liberals claim, a mistaken attempt to police moral ideas, but rather forms part of the legitimate governmental regulation of a problematic social conduct. At the same time it asks whether feminists might not be mistaken in attributing this conduct to the nature of the male imagination.

PRE-SCHOOL EYE: WATCHING TINY TOT'S TV TACTICS

Gwen Bruer and Joy Taylor. - Daw Park: South Australian Council for Children's Films and Television Inc, 1992.

From Saturday morning cartoons, to advertising and videos - parents and educators worry about the media impact on children. We live in a media environment. Hardly a minute goes by that any one child is not inundated by messages from TV, films and videos. How much is too much? The SA Council for Children's Films and Television responds to this challenge with *Pre-*

school Eye, the product of a wide ranging survey into the television and video viewing patterns of under five year olds in South Australia and the Northern Territory. The report concludes with a list of recommendations aimed at different groups, from parents to program makers, and including such advice as: using videotapes for selective viewing; using a consistent classification system for both television and videos; starting media education in schools from the junior primary level; and more children's program promotion during family viewing times.

CASE STUDIES IN AUSTRALIAN MEDIA MANAGEMENT

edited by Elizabeth More and Keith Smith. - Sydney: Macquarie University Graduate School of Management, 1992.

As we move from an industrial to an information society, the media represent one of the more dramatically changing sectors in our society. Traditional media practice and organisations face enormous challenges from new forms of competition and industry structure, altered regulatory frameworks, major changes in technology, products and actual distribution methods. The lines between traditional types of media are blurred and convergence of media in terms of telecommunications and broadcasting industries is rapidly occurring. Many companies operate varying combinations of media and while it is necessary to have specialised knowledge of such industries, general media management knowledge allows such organisations to span and connect a diversity of operations. This collection of essays, by writers with both business and academic interest in the media, review the less accessible business options and decisions.

MARKETS MORALS & MANIFESTOS: FIGHTBACK! & THE POLITICS OF ECONOMIC RATIONALISM IN THE 1990s

edited by Peter Vintila, John Phillimore & Peter Newman. - Murdoch WA: Institute for Science and Technology Policy, Murdoch University, 1992.

The Liberal and National Parties' Fightback! package is not just about a goods and services tax. It is an approach to life. Its ideologically-driven pursuit of economic rationalism will have serious consequences for Australia far beyond economic policy alone. This collection of short essays by Australian academics including Elizabeth Savage, Frank G Castles and Marian Sawyer, outlines what the implementation of Fightback! could mean for all Australians. An introductory section defends community values and Australian social democratic heritage against Fightback!'s uncompromising individualism. The book then examines specifics of the package. It explores the implications for a range of social, economic and environmental policy questions. A final section provides broader perspectives. These include a discussion of the impact which policies of a similar kind have had on New Zealand. The essays show both the inadequacies of economic rationalism's approach and the requirements for a future which allows a proper place for citizenship, democracy and community values.

AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT

David Corbett. - St Leonards: Allen & Unwin, 1992.

This is a textbook for students of public sector management and a lively

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guide for practising managers in the public sector. It is the first book to approach management issues such as strategic planning, handling funds, guiding and managing a team of people, decision making, ethics and accountability, from the perspective of the public sector manager. It applies to the public sector a number of the best ideas from modern management theory, blended with practical insights from the author's experience as a senior public servant. In addition, *Australian Public Sector Management* provides up-to-date analysis of what has been happening in the management of Australian government enterprises and departments at Commonwealth, State and local levels.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA: A CASE STUDY OF 005 SERVICES AND REGULATION

Christina Spurgeon and Anthony Burke. - Sydney: Communications Law Centre, 1992. Occasional paper no 7.

Historically, the principal policy objective pursued in Australian telecommunications has been to deliver telephone services throughout the country on a non-discriminatory, uniform basis, at affordable prices. One way this has been achieved is by cross-subsidising less-profitable services with revenues from profitable services. The impact of such practices is complex and often unpredictable and has been recognised as a factor which constrains

the efficiency, effectiveness and competitiveness of Australian business, at a time of rapid technological development and in a changing world economy. There are increasing pressures to relate charges for telecommunications services to the cost of providing them, rather than goals related to achieving social objectives. The aim of the CLC's research is to see what regulatory issues are raised by new telecommunications services being provided to residential telephone subscribers. This report provides a detailed industry profile of audiotex services ('005' information services and '11' 'dial-it' services). It also includes an analysis of the impact of regulation on these new services.



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