

- Special Broadcasting Service/BHP and various Government departments. English at Work Series, delivering work place based training supported by printed materials.
- Special Broadcasting Service/Wollongong University
The Open University Project, delivering post-graduate degree courses from a network of universities.
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation/NSW Department of TAFE
Television Literacy Project, delivering adult basic literacy skills training supported by printed materials and toll-free telephone tutoring.

Pay TV

In March, 1994 Telecom announced that NEC¹ Australia will build the pilot phase of a project designed to deliver low-cost pay TV and video on demand down traditional copper wire phone lines using ADSL technology. The NEC bid includes US companies, Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) and Compression Labs.

The pilot will involve 300 customers in Melbourne. ADSL will be complimentary to the broadband optical fibre/coaxial cable network *Telecom* would begin installing in high density housing areas this year. Broadband will cater for about one million customers in the inner city areas while ADSL will take the service to outlying suburbs. Digital Equipment Corporation has been confirmed as the provider of the video-server for the project.

Apart from the home entertainment value, *Telecom* expects that the service would allow schools and other educational institutions to tune into teaching programs for a fee. This facility could become a valuable distance education tool.

Business Market for Telecommunications

The total expenditure on telecommunications services in 1992/93 was \$10.5 billion. Recreation and community services have the highest per capita telecommunications expenditure of all sectors at \$1,840 million per annum. This is expected to decrease by 4.6% in 1994.

¹ Nippon Electric Company