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ASTRA INDUSTRY NEWS WEEK 3 WRAP UP

[Warburton's first outing, backs Mott for Ten programming](#)

ADNews - 20 January 2012

Network Ten's new CEO James Warburton made his public debut last night at the launch of a hopeful new ratings winner, Young Talent Time. The show starts Sunday night as part of Ten's new "Super Sunday" line-up, three weeks before the ratings season kicks off.

[Plan B for the ACCC](#)

Business Spectator - 20 January 2012

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission chairman, Rod Sims, gave an interview this week which raises the prospect that, having had its preferred strategy for stopping mergers it is uncomfortable with demolished by the courts, the commission may now revert to Plan B.

[Citigroup issues wish list for mergers and acquisitions](#)

The Australian - 19 January 2012

CALL it a wishlist, but the Citigroup Australian Hedge Fund Sales Desk has sent clients their best ideas for M&A in 2012. Five of the broker's 11 picks in 2011 were subject of activity with Foster's Group, Equinox Minerals, Eastern Star Gas across the line while Austar and Whitehaven Coal are still

[NEW CEO APPOINTED TO SCREEN NSW](#)

SCREEN AUSTRALIA - 19 January 2012

Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality, Racing and the Arts, George Souris, today announced the appointment of Maureen Barron AM as the new Chief Executive of Screen NSW.

[THE RIFF IS BACK FOR 2012 ON CHANNEL \[V\]: IT'S TIME TO RESUME YOUR SATURDAY MORNING RITUAL](#)

Channel V - 19 January 2012

You can all breathe a sigh of relief and praise the gods of music for your Saturday mornings are back to normal when Channel [V]'s LIVE show, THE RIFF returns in 2012 this Saturday 21 January at 10.30am.

[Tune In To See Fashion Police Hosts Joan Rivers, Kelly Osbourne, Giuliana Rancic and George Kotsiopoulos. E! expands the Hit Series to One Hour beginning Saturday, March 10th at 6:30pm](#)

E! Entertainment - 19 January 2012

Divas, debutantes and fashionistas alike – you've been warned. This March, E! Entertainment Television is expanding the popular weekly series "Fashion Police" to one hour. Host and comedic icon Joan Rivers continues to hold court and brings her incomparable wit and unapologetic critique of fashion and pop culture to viewers across the world.

[The \\$4bn digital dividend](#)

ZDNet Australia (Blog) - 19 January 2012

Play or download the Twisted Wire podcast below: [Add to iTunes](#) [Embed podcast](#): Later this year the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) will auction off some of the spectrum facilitated by the digital TV switchover.

[NBN Co Chief Executive to Deliver Keynote Address at ASTRA](#)

Content+Technology Magazine - 18 January 2012

Mike Quigley, NBN Co Chief Executive has been confirmed as the Innovation Keynote speaker at the ASTRA 2012 Conference, to be held on 22nd March at the Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre, by The Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association (ASTRA).

[The Walking Dead to launch FX channel](#)

TV Tonight - 18 January 2012

New Pay TV channel FX will launch on Sunday February 26 on Foxtel. The entertainment channel, from Fox International Channels, will finally see the launch of long-awaited zombie series The Walking Dead.

[Foxtel-Austar deal in public interest](#)

Australian Financial Review - 18 January 2012

UPDATE: MINUTES AGO Despite Tony Walker's assertions, the Foxtel-Austar deal will not substantially lessen competition. Foxtel and Austar operate in separate geographic areas.

[Mike Quigley presents at ASTRA's Conference](#)

Encore Magazine - 17 January 2012

Co chief executive of the NBN Co, Mike Quigley will give a keynote presentation to the ASTRA Conference on Thursday 22 March. Quigley will discuss how the NBN will impact the consumer's appetite for online video content and IPTV, and inversely how that will impact Subscription TV and its 7.

[FX TO LAUNCH IN AUSTRALIA ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, CHANNEL 123](#)

FX Channel - 17 January 2012

HOLLYWOOD HEAVY HITTERS JASON PRIESTLEY AND TIMOTHY OLYPHANT JOIN THE LAUNCH LINE UP WITH PREMIERE SHOWS CALL ME FITZ AND JUSTIFIED

[Steady Growth for Subscription TV Viewing](#)

ASTRA - 17 January 2012

In the first weeks of 2012, subscription TV viewing has increased to reach 58.4% of viewing in STV homes, 23.3% in metro and 19.9% in regional markets in Week 2 (6am-12mn).

[News in brief: Tuesday 17 January](#)

B&T - 17 January 2012

The Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association (ASTRA) has confirmed Mike Quigley, NBN Co chief executive, as the innovation keynote speaker at the ASTRA 2012 Conference.

[NBN boss to outline multicast TV at ASTRA](#)

ADNews - 17 January 2012

NBN Co chief executive Mike Quigley will keynote the annual ASTRA subscription TV conference in March on innovation, where he will outline the impact the national broadband network will have on content and broadcasting.

[NBN chief executive Mike Quigley gives ASTRA keynote address](#)

Mumbrella - 17 January 2012

Mike Quigley, the National Broadband Network's co Chief Executive will deliver an keynote address at the ASTRA (Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association) 2012 Conference on Thursday 22 March.

[NBN co chief exec Mike Quigley confirmed as ASTRA 2012 speaker](#)

Inside Film - 17 January 2012

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[ACCC's more pragmatic approach](#)

Sky News Australia - 16 January 2012

The competition regulator has signaled a more pragmatic approach to how it assesses mergers. In an interview with the Financial Review, ACCC chairman Rod Sims promised to focus more on commercial assessments, and less on theory.

[2012 Africa Cup of Nations LIVE and IN-FULL on Eurosport](#)

EUROSPORT - 16 January 2012

One of the world's most exciting international football competitions is coming to Eurosport LIVE and IN FULL this month, as the carefree talents of African football are showcased around the globe during the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations (CAN)**.

[UKTV CO-PRODUCTION "TOP OF THE LAKE" BEGINS PRODUCTION ON FEBRUARY 7TH IN NEW ZEALAND](#)

BBC Worldwide - 16 January 2012

MINI-SERIES TO BE DIRECTED BY OSCAR® WINNER JANE CAMPION; WRITTEN BY JANE CAMPION AND GERARD LEE

[GEOFF HUEGILL: BE YOUR BEST- HUNT FOR GOLD](#)

BIO - 16 January 2012

Geoff Huegill: Be Your Best- Hunt For Gold is a powerful one hour documentary which tells the story of Geoff Huegill and one of the greatest comebacks in Australian sport history. An

[Foxtel-Austar deal may face further delays](#)

ADNews - 16 January 2012

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) chairman Rod Sims has refused to commit to a final date for a ruling on Foxtel's proposed buyout of Austar.

[ACCC may delay Foxtel-Austar takeover: report](#)

Business Spectator - 16 January 2012

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission chairman Rod Sims has refused to say whether the watchdog will approve of Foxtel's takeover of Austar United Communications Ltd, according to the Australian Financial Review.

[Austar bid may face fresh delays](#)

B&T - 16 January 2012

Foxtel's proposed \$1.9bn takeover of regional pay TV operator Austar could face fresh delays, the competition watchdog has signalled. Majority shareholder US media company Liberty Global, which holds 54.

[Report: Microsoft gives up on subscription TV](#)

BroadbandTVNews.com - 16 January 2012

Microsoft Corp has put its talks with media companies about an online subscription service for TV shows and movies on hold, according to a report from Reuters.

[Subscription TV Ratings Week 2](#)

ASTRA - 16 January 2012

Share of Viewing: 58.4% in STV Homes; 23.3% in the five capital cities and 19.9% in regional markets (6am-12mn).

[Returning: Selling Houses Australia](#)

TV Tonight - 16 January 2012

Season Five of Pay TV's most popular property series, Selling Houses Australia, begins on February 1st. Returning to the LifeStyle Channel show are property expert Andrew Winter, interior designer, Shayna Blaze, and landscape designer, Charlie Albone.

[Foxtel-Austra deal could face setback](#)

Australian Financial Review - 16 January 2012

UPDATE: MINUTES AGO The shareholder vote on the \$1.9 billion Foxtel takeover of Austar is likely to be delayed as the parties continue to negotiate with the ACCC.

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