



ABC's new digital channel ABC2 - launch date 7 March 2005

Adelaide, South Australia - (January 31, 2005). A new free to air digital tv channel will be launched by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation on 7 March, marking a significant development in free to air digital tv in Australia.

ABC2 will broadcast a wide range of new and repeat programming including children's, regional, documentary, arts, international and regional news. ABC2 will be a complementary service to the main ABC TV channel offering time-shifted programming, where audiences can see favourite programs again or catch programs they missed on the main channel, along with a range of new programs.

ABC2 includes several hours of children's content each weekday, so families and children can switch between the main channel and ABC2 each weekday, to access a total of 13 hours of continuous, safe and trusted ABC Kids programming.

ABC2 will also have a strong regional and rural focus with repeat screenings of Landline and the only chance for ABC audiences to view all eight versions of Stateline. The schedule will also feature a new prime-time fifteen-minute regional news program, Australia Wide, exclusive to ABC2.

The channel will screen premier investigative journalism programs such as Foreign Correspondent and the hugely popular social documentary, Australian Story. International news and analysis programs will also form an integral part of the ABC2 schedule with the first ever Australian broadcast of ABC Asia Pacific TV program Hemispheres.

ABC2 will broadcast a range of quality documentaries, covering many subjects from arts and architecture to history, science and lifestyle programming.

More information: [ABC Media Release](#)

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