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Sent: Wednesday, 16 September 2020 4:20 PM
To: VK2ON@hotmail.com
Cc: ACMA Customer Service Centre; Spectrum Licensing Policy
Subject: RE: FW: Retention of state designated callsigns in the amateur service [Ref: CSC2020-28019] CRM:001214011032 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: Sean

Dear Mr Lynch

Thank you for your email.

I understand your comments about the role of state identifiers in the amateur hobby. We also understand that many amateurs do not wish for their call sign to change when they change their state or territory of residence.

The call sign structure is not a key concern of the ACMA's regulatory functions, and so we are prepared to leave this aspect of the hobby to the amateur radio community.

We are retaining the practice where, when a new call sign is issued, it will reflect the licensee's state or territory of residence.

When changing their state/territory of residence, amateurs can apply for a new call sign if they want to engage with those aspects of the hobby you refer to, or they can elect to retain their original call sign.

You can subscribe to the ACMA's amateur radio e-bulletin <https://www.acma.gov.au/subscribe-our-newsletters> to make sure you receive the latest news from the ACMA.

Regards

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----- Original Message -----

From: Aaron Lynch
Received: Sat Sep 12 2020 22:08:00 GMT+1000 (AUS Eastern Standard Time)
To: ACMA Customer Service Centre; Mail Delivery System; System Contact
Subject: Retention of state designated callsigns in the amateur service

Dear Sir/Madam

There seems to be many changes proposed and implemented in recent months with respect to callsigns in the amateur service. The four letter foundation structure was confusing to many, that confusion heard on air frequently. The proposal to allow retention of callsigns regardless of interstate movement seems to many to contribute further to the chaos that is the Australian amateur service.

State number designation has been part of our fabric for nearly 100 years. Many international stations keenly pursue contacts with stations in VK8 (northern territory) vk9 (island dependants) and vk0 (Antarctica). There remains the sense of achievement to have worked and confirmed all VK (0-9) and allowing licensees to retain their original state designation will make a mockery of these challenges and achievements.

Callsigns are more than just a bit of administration. They represent locations and achievements in radio communication. I would urge that this decision be reviewed and overturned.

Regards
Aaron Lynch
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