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Sent: Friday, 3 April 2020 9:33 AM
To: Stewart White
Cc: Nicholas Brody; Sean McQueen
Subject: CM: FW: Verification Required [FW: IMPORTANT NEWS - FL CALLSIGNS] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Apologies for the late reply. As you may appreciate, we have been dealing with a multiple of high priority operational issues over the past few days.

We have been considering submissions on call sign policy from the Wireless Institute of Australia and the Radio Amateur Society of Australia, chiefly to facilitate access to digital modes by foundation licensees. This follows the ACMA making the enabling regulatory changes to the amateur LCD in 2019. As you know, the Australian Maritime College (AMC) administers aspects of amateur radio on behalf of the ACMA including issuing call signs. The ACMA will seek the views of the AMC before making a decision on call sign policy. The ACMA will notify amateur radio stakeholders, and will update its website, when it makes a final decision on this matter.

Kind regards

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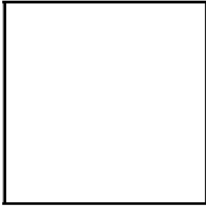
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IMPORTANT NEWS	



ACMA decides on callsign suffix issue & Foundation Licence Callsigns

The ACMA has today decided to remove the connection between callsign suffix and licence class for all three letter callsigns.

ACMA considered the inability of FLs to use the AX prefix to be a major factor in their selection of the option, along with a desire to break the deadlock between conflicting survey results.

RASA will abide by the ACMA decision: the issue needed to be resolved.

ACMA also strongly made the point that conflicting representations by the WIA and RASA are not an effective way for representatives of the amateur community to engage with the ACMA.

RASA supports this view. Separate submissions by RASA and the WIA are wasteful of resources and increase ACMA's workload unnecessarily. When all is said and done, the current situation serves only to disadvantage the end user...

The inability of the sector bodies to cooperate has effectively wasted five months. Five months in which FLs could have fully utilised their new privileges.

RASA has proposed the formation of a cross sector committee with the WIA to provide a coordinated input to the ACMA.

It is expected that the new callsign suffix arrangements will be implemented by AMC in the next few weeks, although this could be delayed by current events.

We'll keep you posted on these developments as ACMA and AMC move to implement.

For those of you who are new to AR spectrum management, we have a number of regulatory background docs on our website:

<http://vkradioamateurs.org/regulatory-issues/>

Click on Regulatory Issues and select an article from the list.

RASA APPLIES FOR AX CALLSIGNS DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

AX for Covid lockdown.

Our colleagues across the Tasman have successfully applied to their regulator to use their special event prefix ZM for the duration of the Covid-19 lockdown.

This is a great idea, as it stimulates DX activity from home stations.

We have applied to ACMA to use AX in the same manner. We have copied the WIA in on the application, and asked that they support it...

Why Join RASA?

RASA is focussed solely on improving our hobby. We conduct evidence based research to lobby the Regulator for better privileges. We provide information to help Amateurs better understand the regulatory environment and we listen to your views. We promote new and emerging technologies and encourage Amateurs to become more active.

We also address issues that impact the majority of amateurs in Australia. Our major project in 2019 was a free online resource to help amateurs deal with QRM. Head over to [QRM guru](#) to see more.

In 2020 we will be focusing on helping newcomers to the hobby.

Help us by joining today and/or making a donation. It's only \$8 per year.

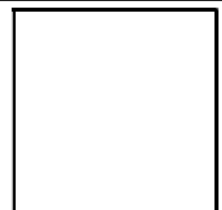
This article is an update on what we have achieved so far, what we are working on and what we hope to achieve in the future:

<http://vkradioamateurs.org/why-join-rasa/>

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