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From: Glenn Dunstan <president@vkradioamateurs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2019 7:03 PM
To: Nicholas Brody; Glenn Dunstan
Cc: Allan Major; Sean McQueen; Mary Stavropoulos
Subject: RE: Callsigns for Foundation class amateurs [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hello Nic,

Thanks for the email. Sorry for the delay in reply, I have been out all day.

Clearly, the two sector bodies can not reach agreement, as the WIA simply refuses to participate in any discussions at all.

These are not the actions of a competent sector body.

I agree that the ACMA should implement the option that enjoys support amongst the sector community.

We have presented you with a solution that is tested and supported by the sector, through a transparent, objective survey process.

The WIA position was not supported by the sector.

Any claims that the WIA submission to the ACMA LCD review was supported by AR Vic and AR NSW are patently false, as the WIA submission was not presented to the members of either organisation.

The survey we conducted was supported and publicised by both AR Vic and AR NSW.

I will ring you tomorrow to discuss.

Regards
Glenn

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Subject: RE: Callsigns for Foundation class amateurs [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

For-Official-Use-Only

Dear Glenn

Thank you for your letter of 20 November, and your email of 26 November, addressed to Allan Major.

The call sign formats for amateur foundation licensees do not fall within Allan's area of responsibility, and so he has asked that I respond to your approaches.

In its submission to the recent Amateur LCD consultation, the WIA expressed a view about call sign structures, and we are giving the WIA the opportunity to expand on that submission as it applies to foundation call sign structures.

As has been indicated to all parties, the ACMA is interested in implementing the option that is both practical, and enjoys the support amongst the amateur community.

We will consider all submissions received, including RASA's, with a view to arriving at a preferred option by end of year.

Regards,

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Subject: Callsigns for Foundation class amateurs

Dear Mr. Major,

I write with reference to my letter of 20th November regarding callsign options for Foundation class amateurs.

We are fielding numerous (often angry) enquiries from Foundation class amateurs regarding their inability to fully use their new data mode privileges.

I can only reiterate the points made in my letter.

We have completed a transparent, evidence based process, supported by two of the largest clubs in Australia, advertised on Australia's most popular amateur radio website (vkclassifieds), email broadcasts and social media.

We received almost 1000 responses in less than a week, almost three times the number required for a 95% survey confidence level and 300 more than the number required for a 99% survey confidence level.

We have gone out of our way to reach out to the WIA, on numerous occasions, in a spirit of cooperation and compromise, to no avail.

The WIA clearly do not want to participate in this issue.

So, therefore, I reiterate my request that the survey results (a new VJ prefix) be actioned at ACMA's earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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