

After reading the consultation paper and the draft of the class license document and speaking with other amateurs my preferred option is : **Option A**

A quote from your document:

“The amateur service is a longstanding use of the radiofrequency spectrum, with a range of bands available for qualified amateur operators. It is designed primarily to facilitate hobby radiocommunications and technical experimentation. When required, amateur radio operators also provide a substitute form of communication in civil emergencies.”

This doesn't fit it with a class licence. You removed CB licences years ago because you would not or could not manage it, now it is the amateurs what's next land mobile and maritime ship licences ?.

Also from your document:

“Simplification of licence conditions

If Option C is implemented, we would develop the amateur operating procedures to provide guidance to amateurs. In the future, it is proposed that managing and amending these procedures could be managed by the amateur community.

Compliance with such procedures by amateur radio operators would be voluntary. The ACMA would not be responsible for enforcing compliance with the amateur operating procedures.”

Amateurs could not be trusted with self-regulation. Rafferty's rules will reign supreme at some point, you have an obligation to manage the spectrum for all users. Remember on HF all the world can hear us.

I see other problems going to a Class License.

- No protection from RFI, we have limited protection now but any RFI issues in the future and it would be good to have a government body to go to sort this out.
- Eventual loss of Spectrum privileges, as we are not paying ACMA to protect our part of the spectrum they can sell it of to the highest bidder.
- Class C license usually means "type approved equipment use only", does this mean we can no longer build, repair or modify radio equipment.

I am willing to pay any amount to keep my Apparatus Licence

As I see it if you Pay Nothing you Get Nothing

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