

To ACMA, Amateur radio division

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity allowing amateur radio operators have a say in the changes to amateur licensing arrangements.

I fully understand the preferred path the ACMA would like to take and have made it very clear why they would prefer the option C.

Looking at all options and the implications for the future of amateur radio, I do not believe that options B or C will benefit amateur radio in the long run.

Most amateur radio operators are proud and highly skilled people always doing their best to maintain an interference free station with integrity. Unfortunately, there may be a few who seem to do otherwise but this is definitely the minority.

I feel that the importance of amateur radio may become undermined should B or C become an option. Amateur radio is already under pressure with noisy environments and to further lose our right to an interference free spectrum is not in the best interests of amateur radio.

I am happy to continue paying the fees in order to maintain the current situation and even see no issue with a fair and reasonable increase in these fees to ease the burden on the ACMA.

We sincerely hope that even though this may not be the ACMA's preferred option, the ACMA would be fair in addressing our concerns and reconsider keeping the licencing system as is with option A.

Kind regards

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