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To the ACMA

This seemingly harmless move to change the Amateur Radio License to some unqualified class status is a gift to China, Russia and other countries that might wish to do Australia harm. It is even possible that those countries had someone plant the seed into the ACMA in this direction.

In the RAAF I worked in communications for the most part of my service.

Australia through ASIO can monitor internet traffic reasonably well but radio can provide anyone interested in harmful clandestine messaging the facility of being able to instantly and with lightning speed provide information to foreign governments. The probability of detection would be next to impossible. Radio is faster than the internet and considerably more secure by comparison.

What might save the Government a relatively minor amount of expenditure would ultimately cost a huge amount in attempting to intercept spy transmissions and even if found, the damage would have already been done.

An amateur radio license is often the first achievement that electronics engineering students aim for and those same people often introduce new technology for the benefit of mankind. Removing this target would be a very negative step in trying to make Australia a technological country.

With respect and concern

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