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The opportunity to comment on the consultation process is welcome and should assist in arriving at an acceptable win-win outcome.

The world of Amateur Radio has enjoyed the benefit of rapid technology changes, together with the popularity of the Foundation entry level and the availability of affordable easy to use Radiocommunications equipment, increasing the popularity of the Service.

While there will always be some who look at the past arrangements with a sense of nostalgia and disapprove of the easier access to Amateur Radio Spectrum and operating privileges, the Government's intention to achieve administrative efficiencies in regulation of the Amateur Service is inevitable.

While recognising the need for more efficient administration of the non-Assigned Amateur Radio Service, and noting that the class licence option C has the potential to achieve this, as it stands the following uncertainties need to be clarified to obtain

acceptance from the Amateur community:

- . Will an Amateur operator be issued with an internationally recognised document accepted by foreign Administrations and Amateur Radio organisations ?
- . Will the primary and exclusive bands of radio frequency spectrum allocated to Amateur Radio Service be affected by a class licence ?
- . The absence of an official register of 'Class Licenced' Amateur operators may attract unauthorised and unwanted use of Amateur Radio Spectrum.
- . The current limited but necessary ACMA interference investigation of serious issues may not be available to a Class Licenced service.
- . The current Licence Conditions Determination does set out operational limits and may be replaced by a completely voluntary code that is not enforceable.

If these (and likely other) issues can be mutually clarified, we can move on to a generally acceptable win-win position that meets the Governments modernisation objectives and the Amateur Service requirements.

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