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I have read the submission by the ACMA which covers 3 Options the first is to it appears leave the system as is, the second is unexplained while the third is to create a class license system.

The first option would be acceptable if it enabled the Amateur radio community to move forward with technology and change at the rate that technology is changing.

The second option to simplify the current licensing arrangements and license conditions is undetermined and not fully explained by the ACMA – it can be taken several ways one being that it is a continuation of the proposals put forward by the ACMA earlier some of those proposals have already been implemented such as the changes to the Foundation License and the changes to the Call Signs. However there were many more changes in those proposals that were not implemented. The other way at looking at this option is that it involves changes totally different but as still unexplained

The third option is transition to class licensing. This appears to be the option the ACMA would prefer however there would have to be much more discussion on how this option would actually work – it has the lowest cost to the ACMA but the costs to the Australian Amateur is not well defined.

I fully understand that the pressure is on the ACMA to decrease costs and option 3 appears to achieve that however the effect it will have on the Australian Amateur Radio operator is not well defined.

The “job” of the ACMA is to carry out the relevant Communication acts and regulate the users of the spectrum, the Australian Amateur Radio operator is one of those uses and has been for close on 100 years. I agree with cost cutting to meet budgets but I do not believe that the ACMA should simply accept option C based on that and let the Australian Amateur Radio community swing in the breeze. I also believe that the Australian Radio Amateur needs to safe guard and defend his position now and in the future and I believe that as explained option C will not achieve that .

I believe that the ACMA should give a more detailed explanation of Option B so that we can make a more informative choice – on the information given so far on that option it is to the reasonable man that the Status Quo should stand until all options are detailed fully

Thus my choice is for the status quo – Option A. If however once the information is for coming and shows that Option B is a continuation of the proposals put forward by the ACMA with changes to the operating modes ,power levels etc then I would favor Option B

Hopefully the ACMA will extend its explanation of the three options so an educated decision can be made by the Australian Amateur Radio community