

To: The Manager
Spectrum Licensing Policy Section
Australian Communications and Media Authority
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Re: Review of non-assigned amateur and outpost regulatory arrangements – consultation 01/2021

Dear Spectrum Licensing Policy Section Manager

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Review of Non-assigned Amateur and Outpost Regulatory Arrangements – Consultation 01/2021. We provide the following responses to the consultation paper:

We have considered the following options under review:

- **Option A:** keep the existing apparatus licensing arrangements and licence conditions.
- **Option B:** simplify the current licensing arrangements and licence conditions by amending the amateur LCD.
- **Option C:** transition to class licensing arrangements for non-assigned amateur stations, with assigned amateur stations continuing to be authorised under apparatus licensing.

We have concerns that the ACMA's stated purpose of "preserving the current operational utility for licensees" has not been reflected into the proposed Class Licence and that amateur radio operators will be disadvantaged in the future by moving to the Class Licence as currently proposed. Therefore:

We only support Option A. We do not support Options B or C as presented.

If the ACMA is prepared to modify the proposed Class Licence to address the concerns identified in the WIA submission, then we may be prepared to support a class licence for amateur radio in future.

In regards to the other issues and questions raised, we have read the WIA's response to the ACMA Review Consultation and we support all the responses and recommendations presented by the WIA in their response.

For and on behalf of the Ipswich & District Radio Club Inc. VK4WIP

Yours sincerely
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