

To whom it concerns.

In regards the ACMA proposal to change amateur radio licence conditions I am sorry but I disagree with the proposals that are being offered.

I do not want to be able to obtain a free licence as it has its consequences to the operations of my station.

I understand that I am not allowed to operate my station and cause any interference but I am offered the protection under the present act that no one can interfere with my station in any shape or form.

I already suffer from interference from solar panels and their inverters, led lights and power line problems in regards blinking street lights.

Modern equipment even in my home causes high levels of noise from power supplies charging phones, TV that makes noises computers and the problems are everywhere and growing.

I understand the downturn of new amateurs entering the hobby would be causing a cost blow out in maintaining the service fully but as I have mentioned your proposal is not a preferred solution.

May I suggest a few things to make ACMA's life a bit easier?

The LCD as it stands wants a few slight upgrades then explain to all operators it is a legal document and it is the LAW we have to operate by. Stupid loop holes that I hear are just arguments from very few hams. On studying for a licence and passing the last thing before issue of said licence is that they will sign to the LCD and the Radio Communications act to obey its laws.

The ACMA sends out 2 forms every year in regards our dues. This is a total waste of tax payer's money. The first is to ask if we want to surrender our licence. Cancel this notice and save approx 10000 stamps and envelopes and the paper and time it takes to produce.

If a ham doesn't want to renew he/she won't pay on the due date as per the bill posted.

Please give leeway of a maximum of 3 months then don't waste time and money trying to sort out the lost call sign. Just issue a new one whether we like it or not. Alternatively the operator who didn't pay on time pays all costs involved to recover their old call.

Other things that need to be addressed to stop wasting tax payer's money are the requests for immediate changes to this or that persons licence or the ACT for more privileges.

Over the last 6 years I've watched the ACMA being hounded to change call signs, (what a joke that is now. I have to be logged onto your database just to know what licence is held by

the operator). Operators using say a VK6 call but living in VK2, more bands for certain licensees, conditions of use of club stations etc etc. On the VK6 living in NSW this is no good, he/she is either portable or not. We all live in one of the states or territories and our call sign should reflect this as it always has done.

This all has to be stopped and only discussed during updating of the government acts. If it doesn't concern Australia's 26 million people immediately then it should be looked at over the time of the act in force.

The waste of taxpayers' money over the use of digital radio recently was a total farce on behalf of the government. Make it clear that if you choose the lowest form of licence then that is what you have obtained. No more listening to the pressures of so few people, just come straight out and point to the act and say the next tier up has everything you are looking for so update your licence. Be nice wish us a nice day then hang up the phone.

Regards

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