

Consultation question 1:

Advanced amateurs already have secondary user access to the 50–52 MHz band.

Do you see any reason for not extending secondary user access to 50–52 MHz for Standard amateurs? If yes, what is your reason?

A. No.

Consultation question 2:

Currently, a call sign is transferred by the transfer of the apparatus licence. We are proposing a process where the person with the assigned call sign surrenders that call sign, and nominates a new person to whom it may be issued. That new person will have one month in which to apply and pay for the call sign to be assigned to them. What are your views on the proposed policy on call sign transfer?

A. Agreed.

Consultation question 3:

We are proposing that the call sign entity, under an arrangement with the ACMA, would conduct a 'regular check' to confirm whether a person is still using their call sign. Will this be a sufficient method of ensuring there are enough call signs (in combination with other factors, for example, the high number of available call signs, deceased amateurs, most amateurs only wishing to hold one call sign)?

A. Not sure that regular checks of call sign usage would be a long-term solution, it would be very labour intensive. I think there could be a process that interested applicants who know there is a call sign not being used or is free could advise the call sign entity for a check to be carried out.

Consultation question 4:

What are the benefits or disadvantages of our proposal not to limit the number of call signs that may be assigned to a person?

A. I think three call signs would be ample, one for regular use one for CW and one for contests. If more than three were applied for there should be a good reason.

Consultation question 5:

Do you have any concerns with the other proposed call sign management arrangements? If so, what are they?

A. I agree with option B. I think the only info to be supplied should be the ~~person's~~ [person's](#) name ~~and~~ the level of license qualification achievement.

Consultation question 6:

In the absence of amateur and station information being contained in the RRL, are there any amateur-operated registers or other existing voluntary registers that you would use?

A. I use QRZ.com, but they do not require the user to disclose the licence qualification.

I think the third-party call sign entity would be the best platform to produce register.

Consultation question 7:

Thinking about reciprocal arrangements for Advanced amateurs overseas, the ACMA intends to consult as necessary with the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) on any further changes relating to the operation of the proposed class licence.

Do you anticipate any difficulties operating your station in CEPT signatory countries?

A. No.

Consultation question 8:

What are your views on the proposal to allow Advanced amateurs to apply for assigned scientific licences for certain experimentation uses, such as reflecting signals from a celestial body as well as inter-continental ionospheric and trans-equatorial propagation experiments?

A. I agree if as long as the process is not cost prohibitive.

Consultation question 9:

Noting that proposal, are there other amateur experimentation uses that require higher power and you think should also be considered under assigned scientific licensing arrangements?

A. No.

Consultation question 10: What are your views on the medium-term proposal to allow Advanced amateurs to apply for authorisation for other higher power use-cases under certain conditions? Please provide brief information to help us understand your view.

A. I feel that if the applicant can provide compliance with EME then it should be a one off application and until non compliance can be proven and dealt with there should be an ongoing high power allocation.

Consultation question 11: Is a 1kW power limit appropriate? Why or why not? If not, what alternative do you propose and why?

A. I feel 1 Kw is appropriate.

Consultation question 12: Are there particular bands that you consider should or should not be able to be accessed for Advanced amateur higher power operations? Which band(s) and why?

A. I use the HF bands from 160M to 10M, 6M to 70 cm and would use 1 Kw, I can't make comment on the other bands, as I haven't used them yet.

Consultation question 13:

What use-cases would require stations to operate at power limits for Advanced amateurs higher than the 400W currently permitted?

A. There are worldwide nets that run on 80M and 40M where stations run high power all year and in low conditions and are mostly always heard. A 400w station is not able to join into some of these nets successfully.

Consultation question 14:

For each use-case, please briefly answer:

- a. Why is a higher power limit needed? **A.** To be competitive in contests and heard in low conditions.
- b. What are the specific limitations of the current power limit? **A.** In poor conditions the difference in being heard and accepted into Worldwide nets and being competitive in contests.
- c. What power level is required? **A.** I feel 1Kw would be enough.
- d. What is the technical description of this power level requirement (for example, transmitter output power, emission mode)? **A.** !Kw pep SSB
- e. What amateur service frequency bands would be used? **A.** I would use 1 KW on the HF bands from 160M to 10M.
- f. How often will a higher power level be required? **A.** I use the radio most days on 40m 15m and 10m, occasionally on 160M.
- g. What is the location of the station? **A.** Wagga Wagga NSW.

Consultation question 15:

Should potential higher power authorisations be limited by:

- > location? **A.** No, I think if the station complies with the EME assessment all should be well.
- > position? **A.** The position of the HP station would need to comply with the EME criteria.
- > event? **A.** I don't think events should be a limiting criteria.
- > something else? **A.** Not sure.

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