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Dear [REDACTED]

Warning Notice - Domestic Television Service Interference

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has received a complaint about interference to television signals adjacent to your property at [REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] 2021, an ACMA Inspector attended the site to take measurements to identify the source of the interference. The ACMA inspector determined that the source of the interference is from an electric fence at your property.

On 26 July 2021, an ACMA inspector spoke to you and explained that your fence was causing interference to television signals. The ACMA inspector explained that you were required to not engage in conduct that would cause interference. You indicated to the ACMA inspector at the time that you would have the fence looked at. However, the reported interference is still occurring.

Regulatory arrangements

The *Radiocommunications Act 1992* (the Act) protects radiocommunications from certain types of interference.

Specifically, section 197 of the Act states:

A person must not engage in conduct that will result, or is likely to result, in:

- (a) substantial interference; or*
 - (b) substantial disruption; or*
 - (c) substantial disturbance;*
- to radiocommunications:*
- (d) within Australia*

ACMA staff have identified that your electric fence is causing interference to television signals adjacent to your property and may constitute a breach of section 197 of the Act.

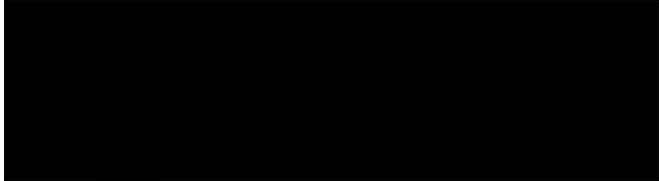
Failure to comply with section 197 of the Act may attract a civil penalty of up to 500 penalty units. As from 1 July 2020, the penalty unit amount is \$222.

Corrective Action

You are required to take all necessary steps to ensure that your electric fence ceases to cause interference to adjacent properties before using it again.

Any further interference caused may attract further ACMA action in line with its compliance and enforcement policies.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact us via e-mail at Compliance.Operations@acma.gov.au .



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