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Dear [REDACTED],

Warning Notice - Domestic Television Service Interference

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) previously wrote to you in October 2021 after having received a complaint about interference to television signals adjacent to your property at [REDACTED].

An ACMA inspector determined that the source of the interference was from an electric fence at your property.

We have subsequently been advised that the interference returned sometime in August 2022.

We have also been advised that the fence has been moved to a new location surrounding children's play equipment and that interference commenced again after the fence was moved.

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 formed the reasonable belief that the 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 January 2023, the penalty unit amount is \$275.

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.

We ask that you contact us via e-mail at Compliance.Operations@acma.gov.au within 21 days of this notice to advise us of your actions to remediate the interference.

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

Yours sincerely



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