**Commonwealth of Australia**

**AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY**

**Radiocommunications Act 1992**

Notice under section 136 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO VARY THE *RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNICATION WITH SPACE OBJECT) CLASS LICENCE 2015*

Notice is given under section 136 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* (the Act) that the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) proposes to vary the *Radiocommunications (Communication with Space Object) Class Licence 2015* (the CSO Class Licence) by making the *Radiocommunications (Communication with Space Object) Class Licence Variation 2023 (No. 1)* (the draft Variation) proposed to be made by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) under section 132 of the Act.

The CSO Class Licence may be accessed, free of charge, on the Federal Register of Legislation (www.legislation.gov.au).

Copies of the CSO Class Licence, the draft Variation, and the options paper explaining the above amendments in more detail are available on the ACMA’s website ([www.acma.gov.au](http://www.acma.gov.au)).

**Proposed changes**

The CSO Class Licence authorises the operation of earth stations and earth receive stations for the purposes of communication with space objects, provided an appropriate space or space receive licence is in force and operating in the bands specified in the CSO Class Licence. This removes the requirement for the individual or Australia-wide licensing of these earth and earth receive stations.

The draft Variation proposes to amend the CSO Class Licence by:

* inserting the frequency band 1668-1675 MHz for earth stations
* inserting the frequency band 1518-1525 MHz for earth receive stations
* inserting provisions that restrict the operation of a station in the 1668-1675 MHz band to protect incumbent licences.

**Comments**

Under section 136 of the Act, the ACMA is seeking representations about the proposal to make the draft Variation varying the CSO class licence.

Interested persons are invited to make representations about the proposed variation no later than 20 September 2023. Representations should be in writing and should be addressed to:

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