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Reply to ACMA’s discussion paper “Remaking the Radiocommunications (Cordless Communications Devices): Class Licence 2014”

DECT is well known for its world-wide use in cordless phones, but today it also supports the most diverse range of professional use cases of any wireless technology. From high-quality corporate conferencing to professional intercom, from critical healthcare communication & monitoring to emergency support for the elderly and disabled, DECT has been the technology of choice for many years, due to its unequalled quality and reliability. More than 135 million DECT devices are sold every year, with professional DECT representing the fastest growing segment.

World economies rely on the many thousands of large businesses and the millions of SMEs that generate wealth, and it is these businesses that the DECT technology has been supporting with communication and collaboration solutions for several decades, often behind the scenes.

DECT Forum supports the outcome of the earlier ACMA consultation on the frequency band 1880 – 1920 MHz, which provides the basis for allowing to continue the evolution of DECT (including DECT NR+) and therefore also supports the inclusion of this outcome into ACMA’s licensing scheme.

**Specific comments from DECT Forum on the class license:**

The evolution of DECT in more than 30 years is supporting a large variety of applications including phones and headsets, IoT, smart home, smart metering, mesh networks, PMSE and more.

It seems that the current text of the proposed class license does not support all use cases and applications DECT stands for. Therefore, we kindly ask you to review the section: Part 3, Conditions, 8 private use only. The current text is considered by DECT Forum to be too restrictive and will not allow for all the appications and use cases mentioned above.

DECT Forum would be happy to discuss this further with ACMA in order to come to a more suitable wording.

On behalf of the DECT Forum and with kind regards,

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