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Re: draft *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021* - consultation 07/2021

Dear Dominic

Recognising the requirements set out in subsection 156(4) of the *Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment (Reform and Modernisation) Act 2020* for consultation to occur with ARPANSA, we are grateful for the opportunity to review the draft *Radiocommunications Equipment (General) Rules 2021* (equipment rules).

ARPANSA has considered the draft equipment rules, particularly in respect to Part 4 covering prohibitions and obligations relating to the EME standard as defined by the equipment rules and does not have any concerns in respect to what is proposed. We note that following the recent release of ARPANSA's new *Standard for Limiting Exposure to Radiofrequency Fields – 100 kHz to 300 GHz (2021) (Radiation Protection Series S-1 (Rev. 1))*, future changes will be required to the *Radiocommunications (Electromagnetic Radiation – Human Exposure) Standard 2014* to ensure that the EME Standard refers to this latest standard.

Yours sincerely

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