

EMBARGO 36

FREQUENCY RANGE(S):	458.3375–459.9375 MHz 467.8375–469.4375 MHz
SUBJECT:	Embargo on new frequency assignments to support national security, law enforcement and emergency services
DATE OF EFFECT:	17 December 2003 (last revised September 2007)
COVERAGE:	Australia-wide
TIME FRAME:	Ongoing

INSTRUCTIONS

No new assignments are to be made in the frequency bands 458.3375–459.9375 MHz and 467.8375–469.4375 MHz, except for government agencies involved in the national security of Australia, law enforcement or the provision of emergency services.

REASONS

The purpose of this embargo is to support the use of these bands by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments of Australia to meet the strategic communications needs of their national security, law enforcement and emergency services organisations, including interoperability objectives.

If in doubt about the applicability of this embargo to any particular frequency assignment, please contact the Manager, Spectrum Engineering Section for further advice.

HISTORY

The initial release of this embargo applied to New South Wales (NSW) only, and supported the replanning activities of a major NSW government agency that was planned for completion by 30 June 2004.

The June 2004 revision extended the embargo's duration to 31 March 2005, to assist with additional replanning requirements for that agency.

The December 2004 release extended the scope and duration of this embargo to give greater formality to spectrum access arrangements put in place for these bands in the late 1970s, to support future interoperability between the attending essential and emergency service organisations following Cyclone Tracy in 1974.

In September 2007 this embargo was revised to include editorial and formatting changes.

EMBARGO AUTHORISATION:

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