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Re: Submission on the possible use of the 5351.5-5366.5kHz (60m)
band by the amateur service.

Thank you very much for allowing public input into this topic. Experimentation is a large part of amateur radio and much is learned and shared along with others during the process. I am hopeful that we may have low power access to this frequency band so that the unique characteristics of this band can be explored. Furthermore, as amateur frequencies UHF and above seem to be under more and more threat every year by commercial interests, an extra 'HF' band would soften the blow from future disbandment of higher frequency bands.

In regard to the options put forward by ACMA, I favour option 2. Whilst this segment is only 13.5kHz wide, I believe the amateur community would be able to stay within those limits without causing undue interference of other users, thanks to prior experience with small frequency segments already in use: eg. 80m band.

Thank you and Kind Regards,

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