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Via email:

**SUBMISSION ON USE OF THE 5351.5-5366.5 KHZ BAND BY THE AMATEUR SERVICE.**

Dear Mr Worley

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge a submission on this topic.

I support amateur access on a secondary basis to this segment. A 5 MHz allocation would permit low power communication and experimentation over some propagation paths at certain times, which is not possible with existing 3.5 and 7 MHz bands. The availability of this frequency band will expand the options for Australian Amateurs during a period of variable propagation conditions.

I particularly favour Option 2 as being the simplest and most workable arrangement with current users.

Radio amateurs already have experience with similar narrow allocations in the HF radio spectrum, such as the segment between 3776 kHz and 3800 kHz.

The granting of access to this section of the 5Mhz band will also enable consistency with the ITU WRC ruling of 2015, and its adoption by other countries where 5Mhz operation has been permitted for a number of years.

Kind Regards

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