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**Re: Consultation 13/2020 – Possible use of the 5351.5-5366.5kHz band by the Amateur Service.**

Dear Sir,

I write to thank to ACMA for the opportunity to address their public consultation 13/2020 regarding the Possible use of the 5351.5-5366.5kHz band by the Amateur Service. The ACMA employees involved in preparing the Consultation Paper should be commended for their excellent research, analysis and options study.

For the sake of transparency, I am a licenced amateur radio operator so I have an interest in seeing all opportunities for the amateur radio service to maximum its spectrum exposure noting however the specific difficulties presented by the ACMA in their paper.

As such, Option 1 would be considered most favourable in my opinion, allowing for the greatest opportunities for Amateur Radio operators to inter-communicate. Geographic restrictions such as those proposed are not uncommon in the Amateur Service where our 630m band has had similar geographic restrictions for many years. I do however note the extensive allocations in the upper 1.5kHz of the band (although noting the significantly reduced operating power of 15W EIRP being imposed) and therefore support the ACMA in determining Option 2 to be most suitable arrangement. I do not support either Options 3 nor 4 presented.

One last consideration, given the 'sharing arrangement' is that I would request that the ACMA consider implementing a 'block' on any future, non-amateur related, frequencies allocations in the band. This will be crucial in ensuring that the band remains available for Amateur use, while minimising the potential for interference, and does not get 'eroded' by future frequency allocations.

Yours Faithfully,

Cameron McKay