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**Submission regarding the ACMA proposal to vary the
Queensland DRCP and declare a foundation DRMT licence
for the Gold Coast – IFC 29/2020**

NOVA Entertainment welcomes the ACMA consultation process for the proposed variations to the Queensland DRCP as outlined in the IFC 29/2020 paper dated September 2020, and submits the below information and responses as part of the consultation.

About NOVA Entertainment

NOVA Entertainment is a current broadcast licence holder in the Brisbane radio area, operating the FM radio station 4BNE (Nova 106.9) and also is a licensee of 192 Capacity Units of DAB+ spectrum on Brisbane's DAB+ ensemble #1. At the time

of writing, NOVA Entertainment uses this spectrum to provide six different DAB+ radio services to Brisbane listeners in addition to our single FM radio station.

Gold Coast

Whilst NOVA Entertainment doesn't operate any broadcast services in the Gold Coast area, we support the proposed establishment of a foundation DRMT licence as part of the ongoing rollout of digital radio broadcasting across regional Australia.

Brisbane

NOVA Entertainment supports the proposed changes to the technical specifications of the three DRMT licences in the Brisbane area.

As a licensee and operator of DAB+ radio stations in Brisbane, we feel the current restrictions on the horizontal radiation pattern and ERP severely restricts our ability to provide adequate service to the northern population of the Brisbane RA1 licence area.

As noted in the discussion paper, the reasons for these restrictions were protection of adjacent television services which have since been "re-stacked" onto different frequencies. As the need to protect adjacent services no longer exists, NOVA Entertainment believes the proposed technical specifications outlined in Appendix C should be adopted as soon as is practical.



Matt Steadman
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