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The proposed changes to the Amateur Radio licensing conditions are a major mistake in my opinion. It seems the ACMA wants to ditch any responsibility to do the work you should be doing. There is a great deal of interference on the ham bands and nothing looks to be done about it. Where is the ACMA ?

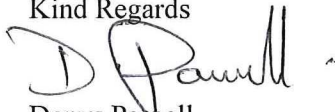
I understand the changes proposed will remove a lot of the ACMA work load, and will also remove most of the legislated protections we ham radio operators are supposed to enjoy. I have been the proud holder of my ham callsign for 50 years this year. It is sad to see the increase of interference on the bands, for example, foreign countries drifting their HF radio broadcasts into the amateur bands, and nothing seems to be done about it.

Commercial interests look to be winning again and it is disappointing you at the ACMA are not sticking up for us.

Please leave the Amateur Radio licensing conditions as they have been for many years. They work well and the ham radio community will not gain anything from the changes.

If the rumours about this being a done deal are true. You should be really ashamed of yourselves. The whole thing of asking for submission is just a farce in that case.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Parnell', with a small flourish at the end.

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