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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been a full call licensed amateur since July 1973, with three other full call licensees in our family.

I would like to comment on the three proposition that have been suggested:-

- **keep the existing apparatus licensing arrangements** and conditions is obviously an unlikely option, the fact that various proposals are afoot suggests that there is pressure to change the way our licence is administered and regulated; clearly, the fantasy notion that various of our ilk may have that things will never change is to have their heads in the sand; the world has undergone such radical change and radio experimenters must accept new outlooks and approaches, so this option I think is not really one to entertain, other than with plaintiff hope!
- **simplify the existing licensing arrangements and conditions** is of course superficially attractive, but I think the granting of a license ought to involve a fee, simply to formalise the process as a form of contract and have that process result in the granting of a license for life with the acknowledgement of the applicant of their responsibilities and obligations and some record of the license holder's contact details would ideally be included. So, in essence, we have the existing system with the ACMA or authority responsible, left to simply administer a data base and have it clearly understood, as it is intrinsically the case anyway, the interference investigation and responsibility if it is created, is a private civil matter. My understanding is that commercial sites must enlist a consultant and resort to civil action as it is, so I see little reason why we ought not formally follow the same process.
- **transition non-assigned stations to class licensing arrangements, while keeping apparatus licensing arrangements for assigned stations.** I have little resistance to the notion of a class license, although I find the concept slightly odd given that we pass the exam as an individual, the equipment is not part of the equation. Inevitably, I imagine that this is the preferred course, however, there are aspects of the present system, whether they are notional fantasy, in terms of an all seeing, all hearing authority in charge, which quite probably prevent anarchy and if they could be at the very least, retained in terms of a ham radio data base simply to somewhat formalise the existence of a licensee and their initial station address, this would allay some concerns that have been expressed?

By way of additional comment, not specifically content relevant to the proposals, as the department has experienced on numerous occasions, the ham population suffer somewhat from a delusion of entitlement, why I will never quite grasp, but let's be candid about why an experimenter's license exists? Its not so much an altruistic gesture by the government to give a lot of pseudo scientific types a hobby, but a realisation that if the same group were not given an outlet, you would have clowns attempting to create their own private broadcast stations, or communicate with aircraft or similar forms of mischief that might

corrupt the emergency channels, so better to give them prescribed space in the spectrum to do what they wish!

(Incidentally, that is my hypothesis, not some suggested potential threat!)

I hope that there are still enough licensed hams within the ACMA who can contribute constructively, with an appreciation of both sides of the challenge to contribute some positive input to guide the potential outcome, which I hope, is not just an expedient simplification of the present system, but an efficacious model to enhance matters for all parties concerned.

Your faithfully,

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