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Having studied the consultation papers I have come to the conclusion that the current system of apparatus licensing should remain for the following reasons:

- 1) Self regulation in effect means abdication of ACMA responsibility to police and enforce the regulations
- 2) Self regulation is akin to putting 'Dracula in charge of a blood bank'. It has not worked in any industry I know of and eventually governments have been forced to legislate to curb excesses as so called self regulators have been caught 'asleep at the wheel'
- 3) Self has not been defined as so begs the question as to who will regulate Amateur Radio and what enforcement powers will they have?
- 4) I would rather pay a license fee and get some protection from the regulating authority i.e. ACMA than be left to fend for myself against an entity causing interference in the amateur bands. For example the owner of an electric fence causing broad band interference due to little or no maintenance. A neighbour who installs non compliant exterior lights powered by a switch mode power supply that radiates RF interference across the HF bands making the bands virtually unusable when the lights are on. A neighbour who refuses to maintain an air conditioning system that radiates interference across the Amateur VHF bands. I have experience of all of these problems in my 30+ years as an Amateur Radio operator both in the UK and Australia.
- 5) The Class licensing system as I understand it does not have to be linked to Self Regulation. In this instance Class Licensing and no fee is being used as a carrot to entice Amateurs into accepting Self Regulation. Yes Self Regulation will save ACMA money but in my opinion it will be a disaster for the Amateur Radio community.

Regards

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