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Dear ACMA,

I would like to put in a submission regarding the future of Amateur Radio.

I would like to keep things the way they are now (option A) for a few reasons.

- I would like to be a **paying customer** of the ACMA as I would like to be able to draw on their technical services and authority if required.
- We as the amateur radio community need protection from interference from cheap chinese electronic equipment that is flooding our country. Some companies to save a few cents are not putting RF bypass capacitors & filters in their circuitry, so it would be impossible to engineer out this interference.
- Conversely, an amateur radio station does not want to be shut down if a neighbour buys cheap and nasty equipment that is poorly designed and built and they report that we are interfering with said equipment. Again, even if the amateur is running a squeaky clean station, it would be impossible to engineer out this situation as well. This is when we need the ACMA to step in as an impartial adjudicator with their expert opinion and authority, as most people these days will not take notice of an amateur radio operator.
- Amateur radio operators should be looked after by the department, as in times of natural disasters, they are first ones to get messages out to the outside world as the phone towers and internet have gone down and they do this all free of charge. So even though it may cost you a little to administer the amateur radio service, the benefits far outweigh the costs!!!

Regards,

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