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Submission to Review of non-assigned amateur and outpost regulatory arrangements – consultation 01/2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to formally make a submission in answer to the above consultation paper released on the 3rd February 2021.

I am a currently licenced Amateur Radio operator and have been so since 1971 on return from Vietnam.

I have assessed each option and the intent of the ACMA in conducting the consultation.

Option Considerations

Option C

I am concerned that the principle of 'preserving operational utility' viz. the application of a 'no disadvantage' test, is not met by Option C. There are significant negative impacts to the operation of the amateur service with the proposal of Option C as presented.

I understand and accept the pressures ACMA is facing to reduce costs and support moves to streamline management of the amateur service. However, I believe that the presented ACMA Option C proposal will significantly impact and disadvantage Australian Amateur Radio operators.

In its current form, I **do not** recommend that Option C be endorsed.

Option B

Option B, as presented, is high risk due to the lack of supplied detail.

I therefore **do not** recommend that Option B be endorsed.

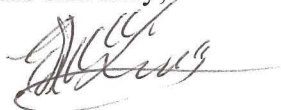
Option A

Having recommended that Options C and B **not** be endorsed I have no option but to support Option A at this time and as presented. However, I am aware that this will not satisfy the ACMA primary objective of reducing costs and my decision overlooks the **potential opportunities** in a refined Option C.

Recommendation

I therefore **recommend** that Option A be endorsed.

Yours sincerely,



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