

Hi, below is my submission on the future of Amateur radio in Australia.

I was first licenced in 1993, 28 years ago as VK2UBF. There has been many changes and the changes the ACMA are proposing in my opinion will be the death of Amateur radio in Australia, it will be just like another CB service.

Option A:

Is my preference because as I see this as being the **only option** that **preserves the essential facilities, privileges and protection that are an absolute must for the future of Amateur Radio.**

“Class Licence” is a definition which only has purpose within ACMA. It has a number of buried meanings and conditions. Having watched the definition emerge over a long period I can see clearly that the term was only coined to allow official spectrum management in it's many names, the operation of the Citizens Band without committing large amounts of resource to it.

“Apparatus licence”. Not sure of the real purpose but from an amateur perspective was formed to differentiate between Amateur and CB.

My views on Class licence.

When the CB radio service first started you had to have a licence, which I had but many did not. Everybody used the call channel and moved off to allow others to make contacts.

Now most CBER'S all gather on 27.355 LSB and no one can make contacts, unless you have a very large amp. I know of a station that runs at least 400 watts and I've heard him say so on 27.350, I can get a lot more. I always know when he is on as I can hear him when I turn on my radio.

My question to the ACMA

“”” What will the Amateur service be with these changes, better or in my opinion, NOT!

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