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Subject: Submission to "Review of non-assigned amateur and outpost regulatory arrangements – consultation 01/2021" (Consultation number IFC 01/2021)

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a licenced amateur radio operator, I would like to formally make a submission in answer to the above consultation paper released on the 3 February 2021.

I have examined each option and have also considered the intent of the ACMA in conducting the consultation. I have concerns that the principle of "preserving operational utility" or effectively the application of a "no disadvantage" test, has not been met with Option C. My view is that this option does little to ensure licensed amateur radio operators have continued access to spectrum, and that the service is seen by the regulator to be of value. Removing the requirement to pay an annual license fee is a poor deal if, as I expect, the amateur radio service in Australia is degraded as a result of these proposed changes.

There are considerable impacts to the operation of the amateur service with the proposal as presented. Whilst I understand the pressures ACMA is facing to reduce costs and streamline management of the amateur service, I believe that the ACMA Option C proposal will negatively impact and disadvantage Australian Amateur Radio operators.

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

I consider that Option B as presented lacked sufficient detail for proper consideration. I therefore **do not** recommend that Option B be endorsed.

As a result of the above **I wish to formally register my support for Option A.**

I understand that this will not fulfil the ACMA objectives, however I simply cannot support changes that in my view will have a detrimental impact on the amateur radio service in Australia.

Yours sincerely



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