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

The proposal to move non-assigned amateur stations to a class licence was discussed our meeting on 13 February 2021.

The removal of fees surprisingly was not universally welcomed.

The statement in the discussion paper that operation would be on a “no interference no protection basis” raised serious concerns.

Interference on those parts of the spectrum where amateurs are the primary users generally means that someone is operating illegally or is using equipment that is putting out spurious emissions. Under such circumstances as happens now the ACMA has a statutory obligation to investigate and deal with such interference. We would hope that protection of the primary users of each part of the spectrum continues.

There is some concern about the lack of detail about the proposed “operating procedures document”.

What will be the content, who will be responsible for developing the document, how will it be enforced.

In short when put to the vote, a majority of members supported the changes

Therefore:-

**The Mid South Coast Radio Club Incorporated advise that it supports option C
the moving of Non-assigned amateur stations to a Class Licence**

It is hoped that our concerns will be dealt with as the consultation process progresses

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