

From: [WHCR FM](#)
To: [Community Broadcasting](#)
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Subject: Re: authorisation to broadcast from alternate site [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear Mei-Lin,

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As per our discussion we confirm that we are under the impression that as we (WHCR, Hawkesbury Radio, Harmony FM) are all licenced at the same transmission site and at the same height etc that the actual transmitter that turns on does not need specific clearance (or the organisation it belongs to does not need a specific note from the ACMA to turn on (eg transmitters do not have a barcode and each individual transmitter is not licenced - but rather the broadcaster is licenced to operate during certain times) and if the broadcaster has a agreement with another broadcaster (eg WHCR and any of the others at the same site) then the actual transmitter that turns on and provides the transmission of the licenced broadcaster does not require additional authorisation from ACMA but is rather a private agreement between the broadcasters - as long as the licence is authorised is at the same tower and for the time allocated to it to go to air.

This is the reason WHCR-CAMS has the backup site that was recently authorised - in order to increase collaboration with others.

To address your points:

1. As previously discussed, our primary site is still being authorised by ACMA and this will take some time, in the meantime, because of the circumstances in the Hawkesbury our backup transmitter is not accessible and hence we are activating our requests and agreements with other TCBL holder.
2. As per above explanation.
3. This is TBA at the moment but our understanding is the repairer may need 3 weeks but it is unknown at present.

I am available anytime for contact

Kind Regards,



On Mon, 29 Mar 2021 at 10:47, Community Broadcasting
<Communitybroadcasting@acma.gov.au> wrote:



As you are aware under CAMS current licence CAMS is due to begin broadcasting at

midday today (29 March) continuously until midday tomorrow.

I have spoken to Alan Quinn of Hawkesbury Harmony Community Radio Association Inc (**Harmony**) this morning, and understand that CAMS requires authorisation from the ACMA to broadcast in accordance with the technical specifications of CAM's TCBL licence. As you are aware the ACMA supports increased collaboration between the current TCBL licensees in Windsor and is writing to you to help with this request.

We understand that Harmony requires a text confirmation urgently to assist it to get CAMS content to air ASAP.

In order for the ACMA to approve CAMS temporary use of an alternate transmitter, it seeks confirmation that CAMS:

1. transmitter is not currently operational,
2. requires authorisation from the ACMA to broadcast from the site and technical specifications of Harmony's TCBL licence, and
3. advice from CAMA of when it will resume broadcasting from its own transmitter in accordance with the technical specs of its own licence.

For clarity, if this authorisation is approved, CAMS would remain responsible for any content broadcast.

Please respond to me with the above information as soon as possible.

Thank you

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