

On 5 Nov 2020, at 1:51 pm, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Wardle

I understand that you have decided to retain a 2-letter suffix call sign on the reserved list at the wishes of the family seven years after the death of the call sign holder.

I append the last available regulations regarding call signs of deceased amateurs. Can you provide me with the current regulations, please?

It is well known that this call sign in question was maintained on the reserve list by the WIA in deliberate disregard of the regulations because it was the call sign of a previous club president. They have had seven years to decide how to protect this call sign in a compliant manner but have failed to do so.

With respect, unless you have altered the rules then this sets a precedent for others to demand the same.

Furthermore, the whole system needs to be tightened up, for example earlier this year a Queensland licence for five years was paid for by a deceased amateur after his funeral! The fact that this information is in the public domain should be a warning to the ACMA that it needs to regain its role as a proper regulator.

Kind regards

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"10. Callsigns of Deceased Amateurs

Where an Amateur licensee dies while holding an Amateur licence, the WIA will not place the applicable callsign on the Public List or issue a Callsign Recommendation in respect of the applicable callsign, for a period of two years following the expiry or cancellation of the licence.

The callsign of the deceased Amateur is reserved for two years after the date of the expiry of the licence period upon ACMA or WIA being made aware of the death of the Amateur licensee. It is important that the WIA or ACMA are advised of the death of any amateur holding a current

amateur licence. The WIA can be advised of the death of an amateur by mail to WIA Callsigns, P.O. Box 2042, Bayswater, Victoria 3153 or by telephone to the WIA office at (03) 9729 0400 on a Working Day between 9 am and 3 p.m., or by email to the WIA at nationaloffice@wia.org.au.

If a partner, next of kin, personal representative or executor or administrator of a deceased Amateur's estate writes to the WIA requesting that the callsign be allocated to a particular person after the expiry of the Amateur licence and prior to the end of the reservation period, the WIA shall issue a Callsign Recommendation accordingly.

If a partner, next of kin, personal representative or executor or administrator of a deceased Amateur's estate writes to the WIA requesting that the callsign be released after the expiry of the Amateur licence and prior to the end of the reservation period, the WIA will make the callsign available on the Public List.

The WIA will not charge any fee for providing this service."