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Apparatus licences in the 3.4–4.0 GHz band in remote Australia

Connected Farms welcomes the opportunity to comment on the ACMA's arrangements for allocating apparatus licences in the 3.4-4.0 GHz band in remote Australia.

Connected Farms commends the ACMA's initiative to allocate Area Wide Licences (AWLs) in remote Australia in the 3.4-4.0GHz band thereby facilitating a wide range of local area wireless broadband use cases which provide scalable bandwidth across remote geographic areas.

We are supportive of the ACMA's proposal to allocate AWLs in remote areas by means of multi-stage administrative allocation process, incorporating an allocation quantum policy. It is our preference that the quantum is 100MHz per single HCIS level 0 cell as this is more closely aligns with our remote agricultural use cases and business model.

The simple licence taxation arrangements proposed by the ACMA for the AWLs in the 3.4-4.0 GHz band are appropriately based on the amount of spectrum and population of geographic area.

Regards

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