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To: Anneke Van der Weyde
Cc: Roslyn Hiser
Subject: FW: FW: AR and the WIA [Ref: CSC2024-8595] CRM:001635002736 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Anneke and Ros

[REDACTED] has contacted the CSC on another matter – he is raising a concern about the WIA's relationship with the ACMA (please see below).

As we're still considering his assessor application, I thought I'd let you know he's reached out on another matter.

Kind regards

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- **Required Action:** Unsure if you can assist with this one - "What is the basis for continuation of the Wireless Institute of Australia to have a role in the governance of Amateur radio in Australia?"
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I appreciate that this query will require to be forwarded to someone to answer this matter.

What is the basis for continuation of the Wireless Institute of Australia to have a role in the governance of Amateur radio in Australia? Legal advice would suggest that there is no longer any basis for this discrimination.

It is recognised that the WIA has had a significant historical importance but that this cannot be considered to be a reason for a members only club to continue to have any administrative part in governance. The WIA is selective in its membership criteria and effectively runs a closed shop and has been in breach of both financial irregularities with the regulator, privacy law and of corporations law in the past. All of these matters have been raised with ACMA as the regulator and largely ignored.

The WIA has a small membership in proportion to those authorized as amateurs and is clearly not representative of the majority but yet continues to be recognised in the material produced by ACMA as having a position of importance and in decision making.

I would be grateful for an argued case to be made confirming the reasons that this privileged position is now present and why it should continue.

I would be delighted to discuss the issues that I have raised directly with a member of the Department in writing or face to face.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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