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Subject: Support for Inclusion in the Foreign Space Objects Determination (FSOD) Schedule 1

Dear Manager,

Rivada Space Networks ("Rivada") appreciates the opportunity to provide this submission in support of the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA) proposal to update the Radiocommunications (Foreign Space Objects) Determination 2014 (FSOD). We strongly support Rivada's inclusion in Schedule 1 of the FSOD and commend ACMA for its efforts to modernise and streamline the regulatory framework governing radiocommunications with space objects.

Rivada Space Networks is an innovative satellite communications company developing a state-of-the-art constellation of non-geostationary satellites in low Earth orbit (LEO) providing secure, high-speed, low-latency connectivity solutions for government, enterprise, and telecommunications markets worldwide. Leveraging cutting-edge technology, Rivada's network will enable robust, global broadband services tailored to meet the evolving needs of wide range customers.

Rivada welcomes its inclusion in Schedule 1 of the FSOD, which would allow us to apply for the necessary space and space receive apparatus licences. This step will enable Rivada's planned operations to access the frequencies outlined in the Communication with Space Object Class Licence, facilitating connectivity between our satellite constellation and Australian earth stations.

Overall, Rivada endorses the ACMA's proposed updates to the three instruments referenced in the consultation paper:

1. Radiocommunications (Australian Space Objects) Determination 2025;
2. Radiocommunications (Foreign Space Objects) Determination 2025; and
3. Radiocommunications (Communication with Space Object) Class Licence 2025.

Rivada is enthusiastic about contributing to Australia's communications ecosystem and looks forward to collaborating with ACMA to bring the benefits of our LEO satellite network to the Australian market.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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