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I'd like to write to whomever had the odd idea to "sunset" 27meg radios, apologies for the lack of appropriate layout as I'm not sure how who would expect this to look but felt I needed to add my 2cent worth.

Whilst "PORTABLE PHONES" (the type with a base station plugged into a wired phone connection as opposed to a mobile phone with a connection to a mountain top base) stopped using 27meg around the advent of 2G digital mobile phone services, there are still some using 27meg/11meters.

Now to the radio, granted that most of the folks on 27MHz have either died out or moved to 7MHz with an F call (myself included here), there is still some activity on 27MHz. I do believe however that whoever thought this to be a good idea HAS FORGOTTEN THAT THE USA STILL HEAVILY USES 11M AND THAT THE BAND IS UNRELIABLE AND AT TIMES WILL BLOW OUT ANY DEVICE IN AUSTRALIA. This means that the band cannot be reasonably re-used for other devices as international interference will cause issues. To be frank whilst most "skip" from outside is the USA, it is not only them. In my time on 27MHz/11m I've spoken to the UK, Indonesia, USA, Mexico I'm sure was in there somewhere along with several other countries.

So whilst yes, the band is MUCH more quiet than it was in the 90s and prior, remember this is due to relaxed amateur radio standards and the fact the average road users went to UHF CB. Remember that other countries like the USA do NOT have something like UHF CB and thus 27MHz is still WELL alive there and thus the skip WILL come strongly into Australia like they're sitting next door as it has before when the weather permits.

Since this band will be thus unusable or not dependable at the very least, and since MANY people still have 27MHz radios dating back to the 70s and prior, I believe it is a ridiculous idea to cancel the service. I can guarantee that when the skip, particularly the international skip "fires up" that people will be talking there and I believe that making this illegal would be a STUPID idea when ACMA can't even deal with the existing issues we already have as they're too busy chasing illegal mobile phone repeaters etc (sorry but this is ACMA's words not mine after a complaint about a dirty service).

By all means if you'd like to contact me for more information feel free to use the details provided above, but removal of a long existing service by simply making it illegal to use I feel is ridiculous.

