

I am a keen CB radio operator in both HF and UHF bands.

I am also a keen amateur radio operator.

I request ACMA to retain both the HF and UHF CB channels designated for emergencies only.

These channels are:

- HF or 27MHz band: Channel 9 (on 23 or 40 channel sets, Ch.5 on 18 channel sets);
- UHF band: Channels 5 AND 35. (on 40 and 80 channel sets)
 - As well as many operators having these channels saved in scan memory, there are volunteer organisations that provide some coverage for these channels; including but not limited to:

Radio rescue

Crest

ACRM

- The designation is hard to enforce – however most operator respect the intention of the channels. Enforcement would not be required by ACMA as anyone listening would tell that there is someone trying to make emergency contact in among unwanted chatter.

Initiating contact on HF channels 11 and 16 and UHF channel 11

I request ACAM to retain both of the call channels- or at a minimum one channel on each of the HF and UHF.

CB radios are not generally equipped to show a spectrum and can be used to find contacts that way – in an ad hoc way. As such the use of a start calling channel is imperative to make initial contact and then move to a free frequency soon after.

Removing the call channel designation would create a chaotic experience for those looking to make a contact and then move on.

Again, this does not need resources for enforcement – it can be as is now where most operators respect the intention for the benefit of all operators.

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