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Feedback on Remaking of CB Class License

To the ACMA,

I fully support all the proposed changes for the remaking of the CB class license. I regret the removal of the clauses for handling inappropriate behaviour, but do recognize the limited scope of any response and how other legislation may accommodate such matters. To that end, I would suggest that rather than removing these clauses, clarify them by stating which legislation would be used to deal with such inappropriate behaviour, thereby keeping a requirement for appropriate on-air behaviour, but responding to it via other legislating instruments rather than the class license itself. Even the foundation amateur license requires appropriate on-air behaviour from memory.

I'd like to propose another amendment, that amateur radio operators may use a hybrid radio to be able to communicate on both amateur and CB bands. Afterall, an amateur radio operator should have the knowledge and responsibility to handle such equipment appropriately. I for one am totally blind and can't get a talking CB radio but developed my own amateur handheld transceiver with full accessibility for blind operators. I would like to use that on the CB bands also since I can hear which channel and frequencies I am switching to. I think the requirement that CB and amateur transmissions must be on different equipment only benefits sellers of such equipment and is not within keeping with the amateur operators experimentation and communication goals. Since this got missed out of the class license for amateur radio which was just overhauled, I hope you will consider a clause in the CB class remake which allows suitably licensed amateur operators to also operate on CB bands with their equipment.

Yours sincerely

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