

Hi,

I writing to you to express my concerns about the removal of the CB radio emergency channels.

The ACMA's proposal to remove the CB emergency channels allocation will cost lives throughout Australia.

As a monitor of PER05 emergency repeater, I can assure you that the emergency channels are alive, used and they saves lives.

Out of the three emergency channels, HF channel 9 is the least used, however is still used and sometimes saves lives. UHF channels 5 and 35 we cannot do without. When monitored, they provide a lifeline to those without mobile phone reception. Even in areas with mobile phone reception, the reception can cut out, phones not work, flat battery, person can't find it etc. Even in metropolitan areas, emergency calls still do happen on the three emergency channels, particularly UHF channels 5 and 35.

The removal of the emergency channels will also probably cause volunteer monitoring organisations to disintegrate. Without the emergency channels to monitor, they will more than likely also stop their other essential community services, such as emergency broadcasts on UHF channel 5 and channel 40, emergency updates via Facebook etc.

I firmly believe that the removal of the emergency channels allocation will cost many lives throughout Australia.

Myself and many others throughout Australia would like to see the emergency channels allocation stay the same as it currently is and not be changed.

Kind regards,

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