

Changes to CB radio arrangements: Consultation submission

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RE Emergency communications on HF channel 9 and UHF channels 5 and 35

It is considered worthwhile that all 3 channels should remain as emergency channels.

Not only is access to mobile phone services and Triple Zero more limited in some locations, but all locations are vulnerable to telecommunications network outages – more so during emergency conditions such as natural disasters.

During the floods of 2022 in the Northern Rivers of NSW, some communities lost telecommunications network services. [The Channon Emergency CB Radio Network](#) is one example of utilising CB radiocommunications in the event of a telecommunications network failure, for communities that have telecommunications infrastructure.

Designated emergency channels reduce uncertainty as to which channels are likely to receive a response for emergency calls. They also provide general awareness and structure for potential emergency contacts and monitoring.

Thank you for this opportunity and consideration.

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