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Comments on proposed changes to the CB class licence

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed change to the Citizens Band Class License in 2025.

Firstly, I agree that that the CB class licence is operating effectively and that little changes are required at this time. I also agree that it is beneficial to extend the Class License after it sunsets later this year.

Frequency modulation use in the HF band

I agree with the proposal to make provision for CB radio operators to use frequency modulation (FM) in the HF Band.

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

I agree with the proposal to remove the requirement that a person operating a CB radio must initiate contact on 3 specific channels. However we feel that there is some benefit to be had by recommending that these channels continue to be noted as contact channels to give users guidance in operating procedure.

Consent of an inspector about altering a CB radio

I agree with your proposal to remove the provision that empowered an inspector to give written consent to the alteration of a CB radio for the purpose of testing.

Prohibition on certain 'on-air' conduct

I strongly object to your proposal to remove the condition prohibiting the operation of a CB radio either:

- in a way that would be likely to cause a person to be seriously alarmed or affronted, or
- for the purpose of harassing a person.

This condition needs to be retained so that operators who are misusing CB Radio equipment can be prosecuted under the radio RadioCommunications Act.

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Your proposal that state authorities would be the least bit interested in chasing down such misuse is laughable. It is the responsibility of the ACMA as the regulator to enforce good behaviour on all of the Radio Spectrum. The object of the Radiocommunications Act 1992 is about the management of spectrum. Management of on-air behaviour is part of that responsibility under the Act.

A CB radio connected to a telecommunications network

I certainly agree with your proposal to remove the condition that requires a CB radio connected to a telecommunications network to comply with certain legislative instruments.

Use of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) applications

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) applications have become popular tools used by some members of the CB radio community. As you do not consider that the connection of a VoIP application to a CB radio presents any risk to a telecommunications network, I agree with your proposal to include a specific condition in the CB class licence 2025 to authorise this type of operation.

UHF CB Repeaters should now be allowed to connect to other UHF Repeater repeaters in areas that would enhance the usability of the UHF CB service.

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

I strongly object to the removal of the prohibition on operating on HF channel 9 (27.065 MHz) and UHF channels 5 (476.525 MHz) and 35 (477.275 MHz) except in an emergency.

In times of an emergency it gives users peace of mind knowing that there is a channel on which they can make a call for assistance.

In addition to being an emergency call channel it provides a channel on which emergency responders can operate without undue interference and obstruction.

I feel that it is absolutely imperative the keep the HF channel 9 (27.065 MHz) and UHF channels 5 (476.525 MHz) and 35 (477.275 MHz) free of day to day communications activity that could impact on emergency traffic.

Channel arrangements for data transmission (telemetry and telecommand)

I agree to the proposal of converting UHF channels 22 and 23 to narrowband (12.5 kHz) channels. I also agree that authorising data transmission for these purposes on 3 'reserved' channels (61, 62 and 63)

I would be happy to discuss any of my submission if required.

Thanking you for your consultation



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