Dear ACMA.

My submission re the proposed changes to the use of CB radio channels, 9, (HF) 5 and 35. (UHF)

I personally do not have the ability to review the current used of those channels.

I think a survey needs to be commissioned of radio operators asking them have they ever say in the last 20 years used either channel to make a contact of an emergency nature.  
Was that attempt a success resulting in a positive outcome.   
  
That said, I do listen to HF now and then, I find the channels over all are silent other than international traffic.   
I don’t use UHF any more but the last time I did it was also very quite except for commercial type activity. That was before thee 80 channels became available.   
  
I question what would be the gain to CB radio users by opening up an additional 3 channels for general chat?

Even if just one contact a year was to happen could opening up ch 9 HF not risk causing a disruption to that user during their emergency?

During skip periods could opening up ch 9 HF not risk causing a disruption to users in distant parts of Australia or in another country during an emergency?

I have posted a question on line in a few radio related groups asking if anyone has used these 3 channels for an emergency. If I get back any yes responses I will pass that on.