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DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Australian Communications and Media Authority
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To whom it may concern,

DRAFT FIVE-YEAR SPECTRUM OUTLOOK 2026-31

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Australian Communications and Media Authority's consultation on the draft Five-year Spectrum Outlook 2026-31. As one of the leading regional airports in Australia, Dubbo Regional Airport would like to request that the ACMA includes review of the issue of body scanner licensing in its upcoming planning cycle.

The licensing of body scanners affects our security screening operations. Dubbo Regional Airport utilises body scanners for the first line of defence in terms of threat detection and contraband items.

The potential for adopting improved body scanning technology in a broader frequency range could yield significant benefits for Dubbo Regional Airport. Newer models of body scanners have lower false alarm rates and higher resolution of imaging, which will provide major benefits for our security screening staff and reduce the need for any pat-down inspections.

For these reasons, we support the expansion of the body scanner class licence to include operation in broader frequency ranges. We request that it is included in the ACMA's work program for this year so that there is no further delay in Dubbo Regional Airport being able to access this technology.

Yours faithfully

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