Dear Sirs,

As a long-time cruising yachtsman and amateur radio operator, I would like to add my voice to the request to reconsider your denial of permission for Winlink-2000 amateur stations to operate within Australia. The reasons for the denial seem to be rooted in antiquity and bear little relevance to modern communications systems. The arguments in favor of allowing WL2K have been stated repeatedly, and I will not bore you by reiteration, other than to say that the safety advantages of the system are significant, to say nothing of the convenience.

Please do reopen the discussion, and let Australia join the mainstream of amateur/Internet communications.

Respectfully,
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