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I hope the "powers that be" in Australia will allow Amateur Radio Operators to use Winlink. The safety features of Winlink alone should merit its use. Accurate and up to date weather forecasts are available for many areas and are always being improved. One incident that I had last winter, while in the Bahamas, there was an intermittent problem with the United States Coast Guard NAVTEX transmissions from Miami, Fl. The Coast Guard was unaware of this until several Hams, using Winlink, emailed them and attached the NAVTEX transmission to the message. They were happy to find out about it and rectified the problem ASAP. Winlink can only add to the advantages of ham radio in keeping in touch with individuals whether it is during good times or in emergencies. In America, HAM radio is an important form of backup communication during times of distress and Winlink can only enhance the system.

Sincerely, M.W. Beacock