ON BEHALF OF JOHN @ JO ANN AKLONIS

Hi from kc6pyh and kc6vhb,

We would very much like to request that the authorities in Australia allow the use of Winlink 2000 by amateur radio operators in their country. We spent two years in Australia and enjoyed it immensely; one of the reasons is that we were able to use the old amateur radio e-mail system to keep in close touch with family and friends even when we were cruising in isolated parts of the wonderful Australian coast. There are many Australian hams who are interested in participating in this aspect of amateur radio as well as many cruisers who would like to use this service. It is hard to see what harm is done if these people are allowed to participate in such a helpful hobby.

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