

CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION
ON BEHALF OF TWO HUNDRED (200) RESPONDENTS TO THE
PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION'S
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS INQUIRY

Please allow me submit this consolidated submission that covers international expressions of support for the Commission's Inquiry and for my Submission to the Commission on the subject of amateur radio (Your reference No.: 14).

The individual submissions consolidated in this Submission were received as emails in response to a request for assistance that was circulated, unbeknown to me, for a few days among users of WinLink 2000. These are the people who understand best the importance of amateur radio communications from remote locations. Many respondents have gone to the trouble of providing insights. These personal testimonials speak for themselves. It should assist the Commission in its deliberations.

The text of the circular is as follows:

QUOTE:

Your assistance is needed! We are attempting to provide WinLink 2000 from Australia. They have laws that are currently being reviewed which have kept a Ham from directly using both the Internet and their Telephone Systems. They also have old, outdated 3rd-Party restrictions.

Upon the request of the Australian "Productivity Committee", Anthony (Tony) Van Vugt (VK1VM/KN4VM) has submitted a detailed formal "Submission" in behalf of WinLink 2000. We now need your support, also.

If you are willing to put your name on a short note favoring WinLink in Australia, send your Name, Ham Call, Boat Name and/or #, and email address to. Subject: For Submission.¹

UNQUOTE

I would have preferred if respondents had sent their emails directly to the Productivity Commission at radiocomms@pc.gov.au. However, as these

¹ The above circular is not quite correct in that my submission to the Inquiry was not made "in (or on) behalf of WinLink 2000" but rather in my capacity as a concerned Australian radio amateur and international cruiser. Further, my Submission was not made as much at the "request" but rather at the general "invitation" of the Productivity Commission.

respondents have now placed their confidence in me to make their views known to the Productivity Commission, I am obliged to assist the Inquiry by forwarding these emails. However, by combining these messages in a single Consolidated Submission, I hope that the workload for Productivity Commission staff is minimized. I have restricted this Consolidated Submission to include only the first 200 expressions of support that have been received. This, I hope, should be adequate to convey the message.

An attempt was made earlier to forward some of these emails individually by email, or in the form of the standard expression of support as found on www.aussiewinlink.org. However, for a few days these Submissions were rejected by the Commission's web shield at your email address radiocomms@pc.gov.au. Because of this there could possibly be some duplication in the expressions of support that have been submitted.

Many of the Respondents have email addresses in the form of. Many are in transit on the world's oceans. WinLink 2000 is intended for short messages, specifically to leave the bands open for emergency traffic. For this reason, I am sure that respondents would be more than satisfied receiving just a one-line reply from the Commission acknowledging that their Submissions have been received and accepted.

Below are the expressions of support that have been received so far. These have been lightly edited to keep out details that may be superfluous to your Inquiry, such as, email routing information:

1. Don Henry; VK2DW

"G'day Tony, Yes I am in favour of Winlink 2000 becoming legal in Australia. Please add my name to your list."

2. Thomas H. Aseltine, MD; KE6CSL; RV user

"This is a short note intended to put in a vote for affirmation of the Winlink 2000 system. This system of multiple interlinked ham radio stations around the world acts as a common bulletin board for ham radio operators of all countries. It is used more by yachtsmen than any other single group. But RV (recreational vehicle) users such as myself also find the system extremely helpful. With its cross connections to the internet it is possible for a yachtsman or RV user to leave e-mail messages on the internet to his family back home. And since it is a two way street they can also contact him/her even half way around the world. Accordingly I would like to put in a plea for the system to be used in Australia where the coverage is not as

good as it is in the western hemisphere. Yours truly, Thomas H. Aseltine, MD"

3 & 4 Bert L. (kb9uvj) and Sheron A. Barnes, Boat: "TENACIOUS" / U.S. Doc. # 673147

"Anthony: Have the Australian authorities considered the safety at sea benefits and Australian taxpayer money that can be saved by having sailors keep track of boats in trouble on the oceans through services like the Pacific Sea Farer's Net and Russel Radio? If the Australian Coast Guard had e-mail, they could be notified directly of missing Australian boats or boats in trouble or needing assistance. If the Australian Coast Guard had e-mail, they could also be in touch with other boats at sea who might provide information on missing boats thus saving the Australian Coast Guard expensive search and rescue expenditures. E-mail allows communication between the Australian Coast Guard and boats at sea without both parties having to be on the same radio frequency at the same time! Sailors also use e-mail to notify friends and relatives without ham radios of where they are to keep worried relatives and friends from requesting expensive and unnecessary search and rescue missions. The various radio nets that sailors check into on a daily basis can report problems to the Australian Coast Guard by e-mail directly and at no taxpayer expense to Australians!

We had occasion to use e-mail to notify a brother of a missing sailor while in French Polynesia. Through subsequent e-mail notifications and audio radio contacts with other sailors in the area, local sailors started searching for the missing boat. It was other sailors who found the missing boat and reported it to authorities thus saving an expensive search and rescue funds. The Pacific Sea Farer's Net (14, 313 khz around 0430 UTC) played a major role in finding and coordinating the search effort at no cost to taxpayers! The boat was named "Sur Le Pont" with John D'avignon aboard and it happened between Bora Bora and American Samoa about 3 months ago!

Best regards, Bert & Sheron Barnes currently in New Zealand where radio e-mail is providing safety at sea for sailors!"

5. Blair Grinols, KF6IAB, Capricorn Cat / #1035771

"I am very much in favor of establishing a Winlink Station in Australia as we appreciate very much being able to make radio connection for sending e-mail messages home when traveling in the South Pacific. Yes, indeed we do support your cause; we plan

to be in Australia with our sailboat next year and would hope to continue use of this very practical WinLink system of communication across the world."

6. **Name: Victoria Greenfield, VE0ACE**
Boat Name: "NEIGE D'ETE"
Boat Number: 823055 (Canada)

"Yes, indeed we do support your cause; we plan to be in Australia with our sailboat next year and would hope to continue use of this very practical WinLink system of communication across the world. Please let us know the results of your good efforts. Best regards, Vicki & Mike"

7. **Alan Siek, W8OKO, Boat Name: "BLUE GULL"**

"Ham Email is a Great help and safety to Sail Yachts at Sea. As it has much more readability than Voice transmission. 73 Alan."

8. **Walter J Mack, AB2JZ, M/V "WANDERER"**

"I write in favor of WinLink in Australia"

9. **GB Bucknell, KD6SIY, Boatname/#:"DJARRKA" US doc 687205**

"Thanks - we are headed that way!!!"

10. **Mavis Coslovi, AC7MK, Boat Name: "SUNSHINE"**
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11. **Eugene Berg, XE2K7GZB, S/V "SUNBEAR"**

"I would like to see a Winlink station operating in Australia. In fact 2 would be very helpful. This service would be very helpful to our future cruising plans to the South Pacific. Thanks for your consideration 73's Gene"

12. **James W. Bandy, KF6YFO/mm, S/V "ALSO II" Doc. # 989772**

"Dear Sir: We really need Australia on line as the two stations in New Zealand are very busy and there is on other avenue for traffic. Winlink is a very important service link for us to our family and friends back home. Thank you very much for consideration." James Bandy S/V ALSO II on passage to Fiji 17 24S 177 54W

13 & 14. Mark and Toni Parsons, KD7NIK, S/V "**KUILIMA**", U.S. doc. #675670

"Tony, just a quick note to encourage you to push carry through on the effort to establish winlink in the land down under. It has been a great help to my wife and I on our vessel, due to the fact that our parents are getting along in years and my mother is not well. It makes them and us feel a little closer and we keep up to date on these family issues. Sincerely"

15. Thomas Eulenberg, DL2KAI, Boat Name: "**NOVEMBER**" DFLT.

16. John C. Johnson – III, KG4JXT, Boat Name/#: "**SAND DOLLAR**" USCG doc 1029205

17. Marion Lowe ZL1MLO, Boat "**WILD BIRD**" (NZ Registration)

"Dear Anthony, I fully support your submission for Winlink in Australia. Regards"

18 & 19. Patricia B. Gibb (KC6PAK) & Daniel R. Gibb (KD6BAK), S/V "**THIS SIDE UP**"

"Please add our names to the list of HAM operators who favor Winlink operation in Australia...Pat & Dan Gibb"

20. Rod Attenburrow, M0CXG, S/Y "**ENTREATY**"

"I would certainly favour winlink being adopted in Australia, & I am surprised that such a go ahead nation and centre of international yachting hasn't already got it."

21. Bob Miller, K6WSB, S/V "**WANDERING STAR**"

"Good Morning. As a cruiser, I have found radio email, both Winlink, and Sailmail extremely valuable. They allow us to exchange weather and navigational information with fellow mariners, and keep in touch with friends and relatives back home. Anything that can be done to allow radio email services in Australia would be greatly appreciated. Thank you."

22. Name: Dr. A.M.M.H. Hahn, DH2ID, Boat Name/#: "**SKUA**" / 8703

"Sirs, I hereby submit that I am in favor of allowing WinLink in Australia, as it provides links to family members and friends and is also an important security feature I would not like to miss on the high seas. Sincerely, Dr.A.M.M.H.Hahn, Skipper SY Skua

23 & 24 **Name: Paul Zack and Mary Taylor**
Ham Call: KO6MJ (Paul) and KD6PYV (Mary)
Boat Name: "AVVENTURA" U.S. Documentation: 653818

"Isla San Andres, 01.11.30. Hi, we'd like to support your efforts to get WinLink available in Australia. It is an invaluable service to cruisers by allowing us to remain in contact with our families and friends. We are currently cruising in Mexico and anticipate leaving for the South Pacific in Spring of 2002"

25. **Jean-Denis Lafrance, HI3CYX, S/V "CHRIS MYR"**

"Hi Sir, I offer you all my moral support in your effort to obtain Winlink in Australia. Best regards Isla San Andres"

26. **Sean Brennan, KE1AB**

"Tony, Please add my name to the list favoring winlink in Australia. Good luck. Fixed station, communicate with my friends on their boats via winlink"

27. **R.Davids, PA0NC**

28. **Moschkon Bernard, WP3JN, "JAMBO"**

29. **Jimmy Lengkeek, pa3gbb, "GABBER", 8698 Z AMST 1983**

"We strongly support the submission to make the winlink 2000 communication system active in Australia, because it highly improves the safety situation of ham's, sailing in the south Pacific, providing easy access to weather and all sort of other important information. We made this passage in the years 1999 and 2000 and missed the winlink 2000 system in this part of the world. To our opinion a highly developed country like Australia should be part of the winlink 2000 system. Jimmy, pa3gbb."

30 & 31. **David Gould, AD5CY, "WIND DANCER"**
Sandy Moffatt, KD5MFN, "WIND DANCER"

"We both support your efforts to upgrade the laws. Good Luck!!

32. AI Peters, VA3APA, "SOLARA"

"Hi Anthony. I strongly support winlink in Australia. The system has significant benefits for users and others. "

33 & 34. Jeff & Gail Casher. AD6UO & AD6UM, Boat Name: "SEA WITCH"

"Anthony, Feel free to use our name. We are currently headed for Australia with two Extra class hams aboard. We've been using pactor for four years and have had contacts and moved email with many countries including Equador, Singapore, New Zealand, Mexico, etc. It seems absurd that Australia is a lone hold out. They permit Sailmail, so why not the hams..."

35. Johannes H.G.J. van de Wijgerd, PA2DGR, "OFF-COURSE"

36. Hubert Wagenseil, DJ8IF

37. Robert W. Stewart, KG4JHD, Boat Name/#: S/V "PAMELA"80377

38. Philip N. Stewart, N3VEY, Boat Name/#: "TSOLO" US Registration # 598187

39. Harrie,

Bonjour Antoine, You asked for help. I am living in the heart of Afrika. Good luck, à bientôt!!

40. Maureen Margaret Lee, vk4clg, Boat Name: "HONEY BEE"

"Please is this what you require? If not please send me more Details.

41. Jordan Bigel, S/V "QUEEN JANE"

"Hello, My name is Jordan Bigel and my wife, son (age 5) and myself live aboard a sailboat. We are American and have been traveling in the Pacific since August, 2000 and are now in New Zealand. For more information (and entertainment) please visit our web site (address shown above).

We spend the vast majority of our time in out of the way places, anchored out, usually in third world nations. This year we have visited French Polynesia, the Cook Islands, Samoa and Fiji. Next year we plan to visit Vanuata, New Caledonia and Australia.

Since we are so often away from, and have no access to modern communication systems, we rely on HF radio to send and receive email. Specifically, we use Winlink2000 via Ham radio to keep in touch with family and friends and to communicate with medical personnel when we need advice on issues of health care. Having access to email while cruising has improved the quality of our lives dramatically.

Unfortunately, there are very few Winlink2000 stations in the Western Pacific and while traveling in Fiji, for example, we have only been able to access one station in New Zealand. Of course, there are dozens of other boats who also use Winlink2000 so access to the New Zealand based stations is sometimes difficult due to heavy traffic.

We expect the same issues next year while traveling in Vanuatu and New Caledonia (obviously once we arrive in Australia we will have access to land-based communication systems and intend to utilize them instead as we plan to here in New Zealand once we "settle down" at a marina).

The biggest thing which would improve the situation in the Western Pacific would be the establishment of Australian based Winlink2000 stations. I am writing to you today to express my support for the establishment of such stations and implore you and others, who have the power to make this happen, to consider the need for such services by families who rely on Winlink2000 for essential communications when making decisions about whether to allow such services to be provided from Australia.

*I think you for your time and wish you a hearty Good Day.
Sincerely."*

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Egmont (Sturm), TR8SE (DH7ADY, KC8IMI),

"Dear OM's: I sure do support using Winlink 2000 in Australia. To provide a worldwide dependable HAM-mail-system is important for many, not only Hams. There are many skippers who's security depends on a worldwide (and seawide!) accessible mail system. In emergency situations Ham-systems are often the only means of communication left, just to mention two situations. Australia is a

very important limb in this worldwide chain. We are looking forward to a Winlink 2000 station in Australia.

43. Bert Melton, S/V **"ISLAND WOMAN"**

"In the name of safety I believe it would be prudent to allow Ham Radio operators to have access to the internet via Winlink 2000."

44. Luc Callebaut, N6WDB/mm, Boat Name/#: s/v **"SLOEPMOUCHE"** B717645

45. Jacqueline Lee, KC6SEF/mm, s/v **"SLOEPMOUCHE"** B717645

"Yes, indeed we do support your cause; we plan to be in Australia with our sailboat next year and would hope to continue use of this very practical system of communication across the world."

46. Victoria Greenfield, VE0ACE, Boat Name: **"NEIGE D'ETE"** No.: 823055 (Canada)

"Please let us know the results of your good efforts. Best regards, Vicki & Mike"

47. Robert M McCann, N7SAY, **"SASSAPARILLA"**

"Anthony, I support the attempt to institute Winlink2000 in Australia."

48. Len Gibson, vk3si, Boat name: **"MERLRAY"**

"If I can help, please contact me. I strongly support a Winlink communications system in Australia. The system is an integral part of safety for those mobile stations both maritime and land for rapid communications and especially safety reasons. It is a logical extension of our modern technology advances and should be encouraged."

49. Gary Morrison, VE0POP aboard S/V **"DOLPHIN QUEST"**, (currently cruising in Mexico), and VE7POP

"November 30, 2001"

To Whom It May Concern: I wish to add my support and encouragement for the campaign to legalize Winlink transmission in Australia. As Australia is a major world centre of recreational and

competitive sailing, its government should recognize the importance of Winlink to the boating community and to the economy that this community generates.

My wife and I have cruised the west coast of North America, from the Alaska panhandle to the Baja, over the past two years. One of the most valued items of equipment on board is the Winlink 2000 communication system which allows email via ham radio. This system has allowed us to stay in touch with family and friends, easing both our sense of isolation and our family's anxieties about our ventures. The BIG event of our day is when we switch on the ham radio, tune in a Winlink 2000 station, and download our email.

Winlink 2000 is a natural extension of the spirit and principles of amateur radio. It is above commercial interests and political ideologies. It is managed by highly professional volunteers of many countries, races and cultures. It extends the reach of ham radio for world-wide freedom of communication and ultimately world-wide cooperation.

Respectfully submitted"

**49 & 50. Rich (and Cyndi) West, KF6RIT, Boat Name: "LEGACY"
Sailboat documented in the US**

"Dear Anthony,

I would just like to express my support for a winlink station in Australia. My wife and I plan to sail to your wonderful country next year and would love to have access to the same benefits we've experienced in the U.S. and Mexico using the winlink system.

Winlink has enabled us to keep in touch with our parents (who are worried to death about us out "sailing the oceans") and, I know, provided them with much comfort. It has allowed us to stay in contact with friends as well.

Phone patches via HAM radio have provided loved ones with the all-important phone calls on birthdays and other holidays. It's meant a lot to us as well as those we've called.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Rich and Cyndi West"

51 & 52. Jim (AA9XX) & Jacque Cottingham, s/v "LADY J"

"My name is Jim Cottingham, my Ham call sign is AA9XX. We live on our boat and use winlink email daily as our primary means of keeping in touch with family and friends. We support your the effort to establish a winlink station in Australia. 73's."

53. Donna Maloney, KF6PWZ Boat Name: "NINTAI"

"Received information relative to the proposed use of Winlink in Australia. We would like to contribute our information as follows. We have relatives in Australia & look forward to getting there in the future. "If there is anything else we can do please let us know. The Winlink system is invaluable to us & know it will be to others. Donna Maloney kf6pwz"

54. Mats Toermark, sm6wzu, Boat name: S/Y "ELENA" Gotenburg

"30 novembre St Lucie , Caraibe, TO WHOM CONCERN. This note to confirm that I am favoring and, I should say more I NEED WINLINK IN AUSTRALIA "

55. Michel Gagnon P.Ing, VE0MIH // VA2GRA, BOAT: "GRAFFITI" (YACHT IN TRANSIT)

"FYI, I have sent a letter. It is recorded as Submission 82. SIGNED MICHEL GAGNON P.ING"

56. Ronald Callahan, KF6IVX, S/Y "GYPSY DANCER", US 567050,

"Another in support of your efforts. Currently in Honolulu, enroute to Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Good luck, Tony. And thanks, Ron Callahan "

57. Gustaf Hulthe, Sailor and PhD in Chemistry, SM6UAS, Boat Name: CAMINANTE

58. Kristina Thomsson, Sailor and PhD in Medicine, SM6UBO, Boat Name: CAMINANTE

59. Aime Goyette, KB1EAI, Boat Name: "SONNY"

"I cannot stress the convenience and value of the Winlink system to Ham cruisers such as myself. I am sure that this system would be appreciated and well used in Australia. Please give consideration to approval of its use."

60. Connie L. Traines, KG4EJC, Boat Name: "KRISTALI"

"I support WinLink in Australia. Connie L. Traines KG4EJC"

61. **Ronald Gary, KF6EFJ, Sailing Vessel "JUSTUS III"**

"Anthony, I am responding to your request for names in support for your attempt to obtain permission to do HAM e-mail in Australia. I am all for it. I hope this helps. 73, Ron"

62. **Reginald McCluskey, VP9NG, Boat Name: s/v "HEART OF OAK"**

"Dear Tony, This is to advise that you have my support and encourage you to add my name to your submission to the Australian authorities in your attempts to get the use of Winlink approved in Australia. Good Luck!"

63. **John van Logchem, PA3ENV, Boat Name: s/y "QUEEN OF HEARTS"**

"Hi Anthony! I am writing to you in support of your request to the Australian authorities to permit the operation of the WinLink2000 system in Australia. The system not only provides a service for sending and receiving personal, i.e. non-business, EMail traffic to the global sailing community but also significantly enhances safety by providing on-request, area-specific weather forecasts in text and fax format and furthermore alerts to dangers of any nature. In an internet-world, the ham radio community should not be forced to stay behind in an era that has passed!"

We very much look forward to visiting Australia in Queen of Hearts in 2004 and do hope that we'll find WinLink up and running there!

We wish you every success in showing to the authorities of your great country that they could not do better than support WinLink!!! Please let us know if we can be of any help. Best regards, John & Rija van Logchem s/y Queen of Hearts WSV Lelystad, The Netherlands present qth: Kenya

64. **Fernando Arroyo, D2BB**

"I wish all Australian hams had access to Winlink too!"

65. **Jytte J. Jarl, S/Y "TE NI" of Thisted, DK. 3D2AJ/OZ1KLA.**

"Sirs. I wish to add my name along with those, favouring winlink in Australia, Yours Sincerely"

66. **Peter Putnam, N6JX ex VK3YPM, S/V "GRAY WOLF"**

"Anthony,

I operated as N6JX from the 44 foot sailing vessel "Gray Wolf" for the last two months as it made its way from Papeete, Tahiti, through the Marquesas Islands, the Galapagos Islands, through the Panama Canal and on to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The trip covered six thousand nautical miles. At times we were 1500 nm from the nearest land; our longest leg kept us at sea for 28 days.

The WinLink e-mail service saved the crew of initially three, and finally two, from terminal insanity due to lack of communication with friends and family.

I sent almost 300 messages and received about the same number over the two-month period, generally using no more than 10 minutes of connect time per day. We used W6IM (strong signal, but high traffic) and KF6NPC (clean signal, low traffic) initially and settled on WD8DHF (reliable connects) and K4CJX (usually connecting on the first packet sent!) after passing east of 90W. Most of the mail went out on the 20 meter band at sunset, but 17 meters proved handy during the day. Close in, a few contacts were made on 30 meters at night.

Friends particularly liked the ability to track our progress using our daily position reports. The maps and comments kept them up to date, with almost no effort on our part, as GPS data was inserted automatically in the report. I consider that aspect of the system to have offered us a considerable advantage with regard to our safety during the trip; lots of people always knew where we were.

If further information on my experience with the Airmail software and WinLink system would be helpful, please feel free to contact me.

*Regards,
Peter Putnam
USA"*

67. **Thaddeus A. Arnold, WA1FQO, Boat Name/#: S/V "SERENA EAST"**

"I am in favor of having winlink 2000 to be able to operate from Australia."

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68. David Telander, N5JJJ
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69. Aurelio, tl8ga
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70. Tom Lafleur, Ka6iqa, Boat Name/#: **"MISTRESS"** US 1021557
- "PMBO of Winlink station KA6IQA San Diego, CA USA. Tom Lafleur, s/v Mistress a Swan 53, In Puereto Vallarta Mexico."*
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71. Jerry Skiles TU2-TQ (Cote d'Ivoire)
- "I live in a remote part of Africa as a missionary. Winlink has revolutionized our ability to communicate with our family and friends. It has been indispensable in communicating emergency needs for us and the many people we are in contact with. Winlink can not compete against established means of internet use, but for those Ham operators who enjoy or who need this service it is a tremendous blessing."*
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72. Herbert L. Drake, W8QIL, 1997 Coachmen RV
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73. Cees de Reus, pa3hee, sailing vessel: **"BORRACHO"**
- "We strongly support your submission for winlink 2000. We are sailing around the world and will also visit Australia. Winlink is for us an important safety factor due to the excellent weather charts and is also our link with our family and friends at home. The winlink availability in Australia is for us major advantage. cees en karola, s.v. "boracho"*
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74. Bert J. Novak, N6KUJ, Sailing Vessel **"CAHOOTS"**
- "Tony, I too am in high favor of having Winlink operate legally in Australia. It has been and is an invaluable system to me and all the other hams I know that use it. It allows us all to keep in touch with loved ones and friends, no matter where in the world we are."*
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75. Robert Harris, N6JUN, M/V **"PRIORITY WON"**, U.S. Doc. 564955
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- 76 & 77 Beth and Kevin Hansen, WL7BJY and WL7BJZ, Boat Name/#: **"RED"** / 1053629
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78. Keith Benton, gu0nhd, Boat Name: **"KIRSTEN JAYNE"**

"Hi Anthony, A couple of months ago I was rather dismayed to hear that the 2 Winlink stations in Australia had to cease operation, in an area that was rather light on for alternative stations. I think the reason was that they were seen to be competing with commercial interests. As a yachtsman who is a Winlink user and will be heading across the Pacific next year, I would very much like to see more stations in the S.W Pacific. As it is the only system I use, I only have HF radio and no satellite communications I cannot see how it can be seen to be competing with a commercial venture. Please use your influence to see these stations reinstated and others established. 73's Keith."

79. John and Jo Ann Aklonis, kc6pyh and kc6vhb, Aboard "SILKE" in Western Greece

"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."

80 & 81. Valerie Watts, VK3CVW, s/v "ONLY TOMORROW" Reg 854072

Barry Watts, VK3BRW, s/v "ONLY TOMORROW" Reg. 854072

"73's and good luck from Valerie."

82. Les Dembski, VE3NVS, Boat Name/#: "PAX VERA" / 50E105703 Canada registry

"I live and cruise on my sailboat for the last few years and thanks to Winlink I can keep in touch with my family, friends and my office. I think Winlink should provide global coverage for ham radio. The system already covers about 80% (I used it) of the world. In my opinion it would be very helpful to have another station in Australia. This part of the world is not well covered by Winlink. As a travelling person I fully appreciate Winlink e-mail and would like to see more stations providing this services. 73 Les"

83 & 84. Ed Marill and Daisy Marill, N4CYE & N4CZP

Boat Name/#: S/V "SIESTA", Documentation #

"We support proposed changes in Australian Law to allow Winlink"

85. Chris Zingler, kc2doa, Boat Name: "AMULET"

"I definitely favor a Winlink 2000 station be established in Australia. We use HAM email on board our cruising boat and find it adds to the safety of our passages greatly. We plan on cruising the South Pacific next and a station in Australia would be most helpful."

86. M.W. Beacock, F4WNQ, S/V "IMAGINE"

"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"

87. Lance M. LeBrasseur, KD1RN, Boat Name/#: "RACHEL" US DOC # 902457

"Good luck with request. I see no reason why 3rd-party restrictions should not be up-dated, after all, we been to the moon and back!!"

88. John Patrick Cullen, MD; KC0BS, aboard "PATTY ANN"

"Dear Mr. Van Vugt, I'd like to put in a good word for winlink 2000. We cruise in The Bahamas and the Caribbean on our sailboat, PATTY ANN. We have found it very comforting to be able to e-mail off the boat and our relatives back in the states are very happy to know where we are and that we are safe. I do think communications such as this have a very practical side: cutting down on "overdue boat" watches and allowing safety information (missing buoys, nonfunctional bridges and watches for truly overdue boats) to circulate through the fleet. We still use the long

distance phone facilities of the host country when possible so I don't think loss of revenue to long distance carriers is significant. Thank you for your efforts."

89. **George M. Grossen, WB5RWF**

90. **Tom Purcell, WB5RWF, SV "RESILIENCE II"**

"Please register my support. Thank you. 73s"

91. **James Prentice, WA2MZF, Boat Name: "SADAGREOUS"**

"Radio email could not possibly be a commercial threat. It is too complicated and slow. But it is a tremendous safety feature for sailors or those venturing into the outback."

92. **Bernd- Joerg Neubauer, DK2BJN, Boat Name: "MOTU"**

"My husband and I cruise full time on our sailboat and our ham radio "Winlink" system is one of the most important pieces of gear we carry. In addition to keeping us in touch with friends and family around the world, it provides us easy access to weather and emergency notices. I am most surprised that in a country that has emphasized the importance of safety gear on cruising sailboats as Australia has, that the use of the Winlink system is not allowed. This is an oversight that needs prompt correction! Thank you for the opportunity to comment."

93& 94. **Mary & Christian Verlaque, KB2WZJ & KB2WZK, Boat Name/#: "I WANDA" / 694037**

95. **William A Sholar, AG4LN, Boat Name: "DORY"**

96. **Jeanne Hitchings, NL7PF, Boat Name: "REMEDY"**

97. **Name: Mavis Coslovi, AC7MK, Boat Name: "SUNSHINE"**

"Good luck in getting WinLink 2000 going in Australia."

98. **Roger Bohl, KF6CZD, "ARIADNE II" /USCG 686580**

99. **C.O. Shaw, WC5S**

100. **Jens Moeller, DL7JMA/MM, Boat: "UTOPIA TOO"**

101. **Denis Laidlaw, ZS5AEA, Boat name: "TYRENE"**

102. Wayne Peterson, K6ZSJ, Boat Name/#: “**SAOIRSE**”/ 679411

103. Sandra Sargent, KH2GW, Boat Name/#:”**VALHALLA**”
/ON602571

104. Terry Sargent, Ham Call: NH6AX, Boat Name/#:Yacht
“**VALHALLA**” /ON602571

105. Gustav Ragge Jagero, Ham Call: 9U5D, Boat Name: “**BUJA**”

106. Nigel Heasman, G4XDK, Boat Name/#: “**LARK**” / SSR 22174

107. Pamela Dage, kf4wmp, Boat Name: ”**AHQUABI**”

108. Christoph Vogelsang, DH2CV, Boat Name: “**BIRDSONG**”

“I am favouring Winlink in Australia. 73 de DH2CV/Christoph

109 & 110 Floyd Minor, WL7CUO; Darlene Minor, KL0YC; S/V
“**SPONTANEITY**”
False Island, Alaska

“Hello from Alaska!! We support favoring Winlink in Australia. The Winlink system has made our life so much better. We both travel on our sailboat and are volunteer caretakers at a remote Forest Service camp. With Winlink, we can keep in touch with our family, friends, and use e-mail to communicate with the Forest Service. Winlink also allows us to be "weather spotters" for NOAA, and provides emergency communications when VHF is not practical. The citizenry of Australia should have the same privilege that we enjoy in Southeast Alaska. Thank you and good luck”

111. Benjamin Shaw, KG4OAQ, Boat Name/#: “**BAGGYWRINKLE**”
505085

112. Yves Legault, VE2LPY, Sailboat: “**LE REVEUR II**”

“Please add my name on the petition to the Australian government to allow Winlink use in Australia.”

113. Detlev E. Hasselmann, KF6NXY, Boat Name: MV “**HEATHER K**”. Home Port: San Diego, CA, Registration: US 971879

“Good luck in your effort. 73, Ed (I go by my middle name)

114. **Burger Zapf, N3MNP, SY “HALEKAI”**

“I favor Winlink in Australia”

115. **Earl, KC4OEB, S/V “GETAWAY”**

Hi "Tony", I just wanted to let you know "winlink 2000" and E-mail for ham radio is one of the most important pieces of safety equipment on board my boat "SV Getaway". Receiving current weather information, and the ability to send current position reports is essential. The Winlink team provides a great service to all maritime hams. I strongly urge Australian government officials to assist in regulations allowing this vital service in your country. I believe they will do the right thing.73s”

116. **Michel Lachance, KC2HOW, Boat Name: “MARIE-ANTOINE”
Montreal, Canada**

117. **Ray Greeley, KL1BQ, Boat Name: “FREE SPIRIT”**

118. **Daniel Jones, KN6WA**

“I am writing in favor of Australia having Internet Email privileges for ham radio operators. I am a missionary/ ham radio operator in Mexico and it has been a great service for us to be able to communicate through this channel. Thank you very much, Daniel Jones”

119. **Udo Trost, DI4mdj, Boat Name “MAPEMA”**

120. **Raul Verdecie, CO8ZZ**

121 & 122 **Van Stoffer (W8NQL) & Norma Stoffer (W8PZH), Sailing Vessel
“FALCON”**

“Please add our names to the petition to have Ham Radio EMail in Australia.”

123. **Juraj (Juro) BABEL, AC5JK, OM3EW, Boat Name: m/v “GULF
FLEET NO.68” / WBY3772**

124. **Ed Hasselmann**

“Anthony, the message you sent for me to the Australian Radio Commission was reject by their webshield. I got a notice from the Mail Delivery System that the email was Deferred: Connection

refused by (203.0.41.173) and it was Reporting-MTA: dns; webshield1.pc.gov.au Maybe you want to investigate that further. Let me know how else I can help you. 73) Presently in Colon, Panama)"

125. Ruth C. Wollert, KF4LZJ, Boat Name: "BLUE HORIZON"

"Anthony, We support your effort to get winlink established in Australia, please add my name."

126. Willem Stein, PA3GKV, Boat Name: "TERRA NOVA"

"Good luck! 73 de Willem"

127. Phillip Zapadka, KB1GLS, sailing vessel "CYGNUS"

"I have found the Airmail system an exceptional system for maintaining contact with family and friends. My wife and I have elderly parents and rely on Airmail to keep us in close contact, should we be needed. Phillip Zapadka"

128. Betty Curtis, n2vax/mm, Boat Name:s/v "NJOY"

129. Edwin Gimble, N1XVR' Boat Name: "TAKE IT EASY" #572610

"Hi Tony. Yes I do support your cause, It is a great system I enjoy it a lot! I have a friend that goes down there!! Thank you guys for letting me use it!"

130. Harold Patten, Call sign VE7RGO; Motor Home (Escaper)

"Dear Tony, I'm definitely FOR Winlink in Australia. Though I don't travel as far as most cruisers, I can't imagine being without it. You have my vote."

131. Carole Digel, KB3EYB, aboard S/Y "JUST DUCKY" #982435

132. Carmen & Claude Gagnon

"I am Claude, VA2BIC, a sailor of a Corbin named CORAIL IV. I am planning to sail to Australia in a few years and, as a user of Winlink, certainly hope to be able to use it like I do everywhere else. CG"

133. Raymond J. Minehan, N6NBB, Sailing yacht: "EMILY CARR" (a Santa Cruz 50).

"Not being able to be connected to Winlink is a great concern for me and my family when we will be in south-west Pacific. It would be a tremendous advantage on a safety and comfort basis to have a Winlink 2000 station in Australia. Thank you for your attention"

134. Jean-Marie DORLOT, VA2SDF, s/y "**SDF**", 806622 Montreal Canada

135 & 136. Penny Burgess (KG6BLU) & Greg Lynd (KG6BMA), S/Y "**LONG TALL SALLY**"WCP9759

"Please add or names to the list of cruisers who would like to see winlink in Australia: Penny Burgess KG6BLU,Greg Lynd KG6BMA"

137. Robert Sjögren, SM5TEN, Boat Name: "**MEDOCH**"

138. Jason Suess, KD7IIG, Boat Name: "**RAINSONG**"

"Good luck! I would love to have another Winlink station available in the Southern Hemisphere. There are too many of us down here all trying to push through NZ. Jason"

139. Rudolf Arp, DH3PP, Boat Name: "**NIEJE LEEV**"

140. Robert E. Kendig, KI0AQ, Boat Name: "**REJOICE**"

141. Jacqueline Norris, KG4AYN, s/v "**DROGHEDA**"

"I support the request to use WinLink in Australia. It is a wonderful system."

142. Heinz-Juergen Schilling, HB9BFX, Boat Name: "**SPIRIT OF ASSY**"

143. A.J. Noorman. n4adr, Boat Name: "**JOHANNA**"

"For security we need winlink in Australie"

144. Ken Machtley, KD7IJJ, Boat Name: "**FELICITY**"

"Hi, we're currently in New Zealand and will be working our way towards Australia in the next year. It would be nice to have another reliable service in the South Pacific - especially in Australia. Let us know if there is anything more that we can do to help. Ken and Cath, SV Felicity"

145. **Scott W. McGee, KD7NZV, Boat Name: "SISU"**

"Anthony, this system is very important to the sailing community. August 2002 I am starting my sailing adventures from Seattle and heading south. Some day I plan to sail around Australia. WinLink will be the only way I can make contact with my family when I'm out to sea not to mention how all the weather fax and news that WinLink has to offer will make it a safe journey. I could go on about all the advantages that WinLink has to offer but I can't think of one reason why this system should be restricted in Australia. Good luck! Scott W. McGee"

146. **James A. Metcalf, KC7UTV, Boat Name: s/v "MORGAN LEA" Doc #1029021, Email address withheld on request.**

"In your efforts to revise the existing statutes in Australia to increase the availability of the ham frequencies for directly using both the Internet and their telephone systems, along with updating the 3rd-Party restrictions please list me as a supporter. These changes are very much needed to further the safety and convenience of cruisers in your area. Jim Metcalf"

147 & 148 **Dave & Di Jesinger, M0CJG, "AMOENITAS" British Registered - SSR 80320**

"We are a retired British, husband and wife crew, currently at Ilas San Blas, Panama, three years out on a long term world circumnavigation. Our time is spent almost entirely in remote places which have no phones and certainly no internet connections. Our voyage would be a much lonelier, more difficult and far less safe did we not have our Winlink connection via the HAM network. It has transformed our sailing life."

149. **Hans Knuvers, Pa3hbk/mm, boat name: "MARKOEN"**

"Succes!!"

150. **DUCHER Rene, Indicatif: F6CDD**

"Hello, I am for the change of the laws to allow the establishment of WinLink 2000 in Australia."

"Bonjour, Je suis pour le changement des lois afin de permettre l'établissement de WinLink 200 0 en Australie."

151. **Dennis K. Griffin, KD7JQG, Boat Name: SV "GRYPHON"**

"We are happy to add our names to the list of supporters for winlink in Australia. We have been cruising for 2 yrs now around the Caribbean and will soon head across the Pacific towards your area. The ham radio e mail has been a great support to us and to our families. Jane's parents are in their 80's and in poor health. The ham radio link is of prime importance to our peace of mind in being away. Thanks for your help in this issue.

152 & 153. Jane Adams (AA1SA) & Sander van Peski, S/V "SATORI"

154. Stephen Babcock, N3TFK, Boat name is "COLUMBINE".

"I support the extension of the WINLINK system into Australia, including the allowance of third party traffic and the use of Internet connections. I think the Australian authorities should consider the following point in reaching their decision: While they can certainly prevent Australian hams from becoming PMBOs in this system, they cannot prevent boaters in Australian waters, nor hams in Australia, from using the WINLINK system, because the range of short wave radio is such that users in Australia and its territorial waters can simply connect with stations in other countries. There is no effective way to prevent this.

Thus, in prohibiting Australian hams from fully participating in WINLINK, they are simply preventing their own ham radio operators from obtaining the benefits accruing from learning how to use this new technology, not allowing them to be a part of the mainstream of amateur radio technology development, and still not preventing anyone from making Internet connection and transmitting third party traffic. Whatever marginal benefits to commercial operators might result from enforcing this antiquated policy will be lost in any case-- simply because hams can use stations in other countries.

As an example of the scope of the WINLINK system, the Australian authorities might want to note that this message is being typed on a sailboat which is about 500 miles West of the Canaries, bound for the Caribbean. This message will start its journey by being sent, depending on propagation today, to a PMBO in either Nova Scotia, in Canada, or Toulouse, in France, or Glose, in Sweden, or South Portland, Maine, in the USA. Yours sincerely, Stephen Babcock, N3TFK/MM"

155. Don & Gera Fussell, KF6AVP, Sailing yacht "SIR SWAGMAN"

"Dear Sir/Madam,

We support the submission to change the law in Australia to allow e-mail to be sent by amateur radio to be connected to the internet via Australian amateur stations and the telephone services.

We wish to point out the need for this method of communication for yachts etc. at sea especially now that Telstra is about to cease their Radphone service. We believe the Winlink service is of great benefit to the yachting community at large both from a communication and safety point of view. We have been using this system during our 9 year world circumnavigation and unfortunately found a large gap in the South Pacific with the lack of Australian Winlink 2000 base stations.

We would also like to point out that SailMail, a spin off from Winlink 2000 and developed by one of the persons in the Winlink Development Team, is presently being used by Pentacomstat VZX to connect radio to the internet via the telephone lines in Australia. This goes to show how the commercial world benefits from the amateur radio service.

156. Brian Knutzen, KD5LLX aboard “ESTRELLITA”

“I am definitely in favor of Winlink stations being located in Australia. It will be a great help and safety factor for boats traveling through the south-pacific. Currently in Venezuela.”

157. Bob Branchard, VE3ZBR/C6A, Boat: “ZEPHARIA 87”, Canadian registration No. 808488

“I fully support the use of the Winlink system world wide. When cruising off shore this is the only means of communicating with family and friends who do not happen to be HAMS. Winlink provides another means of communications for the 21st century and should be open to all. 73 and good luck. “Bob

158. Peter Balding, Amateur Call: VK3DGF-MM, Yacht: “VELELLA” 3” Port of Registry: Melbourne

“As an Australian cruising yachtsman and long time maritime mobile amateur operator, I wish to support the adoption of winlink 2000 in Australia. The safety aspect of the system for the cruising sailor is well known. The operation is very responsibly run outside Australia and would also be so in Australia. The ability for yachtsmen to send and receive email on board enhances the pleasure of the lifestyle significantly. Recently while cruising in a

remote area of Vanuatu I suffered an Achilles tendon rupture. Using email I was able to access medical help and ascertain the appropriate action to take. It saved a huge amount of expense, worry and inconvenience. The system has many side benefits. I believe the Productivity Commission should review the present system and allow winlink 2000 to operate in Australia."

159. Janet M. Smirnow, AG4LF, Sailing Vessel "WIND SONG"

"Gentlemen: We are Ham's living aboard a boat! Being able to stay in touch with family and friends via the Airmail system provided by volunteers is extremely important to me. To not allow Winlink in Australia is to create a black hole for the Ham radio users in your area and the surrounding Pacific. These links are very important to the outside world. My feelings may not count a great deal, but I think by not allowing Winlink in Australia you are not allowing the full development of your country. Winlink is a plus to your economy. By not allowing Winlink you will turn aside those considering visiting your country and the revenues they bring. Nowhere in the world is it not allowed, does your country wish to be the only one? Please reconsider and allow Winlink to be available in Australia."

160. Name: Peter (VK3JF) & Jan Metherall (VK3FFY), Boat Name/#: "PENYLLAN" ON 344023

"We support the development of a Winlink2000 service for Australian Amateur Operators. We are currently based in Malaysia and use a Thai base station for access home. Peter & Jan Metherall"

161. Henry B Drew, ve0me, Boat Name: S/Y "MARITIME EXPRESS"

"E-mail accessing the Ham radio has made cruising life better for us and a relief for our family. I hope the Australian authorities can be convinced of its worth. Being able to inform them of our safety while doing long difficult passages has given them a degree of peace of mind. HBD"

162 & 163. Ingrid & Norbert, DL1YJI, Boat name is: "HARLEKIN"

"Hallo Toni! My name is Ingrid, we are now in Colombia heading to Panama/Pacific. I think we will come to Neuseeland next year in November! Greetings Ingrid DL1YJI + Norbert"

163. Roy Danforth, TL8RD

"Hope you succeed. 73, the Danforths"

164. Keith Holmes, KO6AV, Boat Name: "LADY GUINEVERE".

165 & 166 Sue Lo (KG4ELE) & Leonard Sacks (KG4HQB), s/v "QUEST"

"To whom it may concern: My husband Leonard Sacks (KG4HQB) and myself, Sue Lo (KG4ELE) sailing aboard the sloop Quest, do wish that Winlink 2000 would be provided for the amateur radio operators of Australia. It is such a boon to boaters and travelers. It is used for various reasons, to keep in contact when sailing, keeping track of the boat's position, to keep in touch with family and friends, and to get updates on weather etc. Thank you for your help in this matter."

167. Larry Hirsch, N6VDZ, Boat Name/#: S/V "SHAYNA" USA

"At sea, WINLINK is our ONLY means of communication with family and a means of emergency assistance for medical or mechanical breakdown problems..... Very few of us amateur mariners can afford sophisticated and expensive satellite communication systems. ... Larry"

168. Bill Taylor, N3XYS/MM, Boat Name/#: "AVERMAR" /909610

"I fully support the effort to get Australia to allow ham radio operators access to the internet for winlink. We are full time cruisers and couldn't do without this great service. We are currently in Guadeloupe, French West Indies"

169. Richard E. Miller, KC0LGO, Boat Name/#: "INFIDIAN" / USCG 1113284

"Sirs: Please register my support of Winlink in Australia."

170. Geiger Josef, OE7JG

'Vy 73 de Josef!'

171. Robert F. Unanski, KF6MCL, Boat Name/#: "FREYA" US Documentation #1043467

"Dear Sir or Madam, My wife and I are enthusiastic supporters of the winlink Network and have used it daily since we departed San Francisco in Oct 1998. The ability to send and receive E-Mail while"

at sea has allowed us to keep in close contact with our families. If Australia will allow the Winlink Network to expand there it will be of great benefit to many cruising sailors like ourselves. Best Regards, Robert F and Barbara Unanski Aboard SV Freya, Chaguaramas, Trinidad, WI

172. Mike Hill, N9XA/MM, s/v "ERIN'S CHILD" Island Packet 35 # 78

"Anthony: We want to support ssb email for Australia via winlink and can tell you we would be lost without it cruising the Eastern U.S. and Bahamas. Sincerely, Capn Mike Hill"

173. Eric M. Wood, KE4MRC, Boat Name/#: m/s "DRIFTWOOD" (600824)

"To whom it may concern: As a full time cruiser and ham operator I believe winlink will be a large plus for Australia. It has opened new horizons for us on the DriftWood and has provided many needed avenues of information and communications. I have no personal knowledge of the situation in your country. However, knowing the number of people who rely on the system here, I can see nothing but benefits for the country, the general population at large, your amateur radio community and especially the large cruising community that so enjoy your waters! Sincerely, Eric M. Wood"

174. Debbie Farner, KD6OIF, Boat name: "DIFFERENT WORLDS"

175. Jeffrey Robbins, KK7IJ, Boat Name: "VESPER"

176. Gary Walls, KE6SD, Boat Name/#: "AMADON LIGHT OF HONOLYLY"; U.S. Doc'n 695 897

"Dear Sir or Madam, Regarding the submission for changing amateur radio regulations in Australia, the following thoughts may be of interest.

For the past twenty years amateur radio has been viewed by young people as an old person's hobby. Outdated and boring. There is no question that the average age of amateurs was regularly creeping up. Young people were more interested in computers, and now the internet.

In the past several years a new spirit has entered the amateur radio world, and most of this interest has been generated by the tying together of the internet and amateur radio. It has opened up many

more possibilities for experimentation and invention, as well as for communication in new forms.

As a world voyager on a forty foot sailing yacht, the revolution in communication has been striking. And, it is sweeping through the world voyaging community like wildfire. For the first time ever, most cruising sailors speak of studying for amateur radio licences, and learning how to use computers and radios for weather, safety, and communication with family and friends at home. The amateur spectrum of the radio bands is much more fully utilized, and looks to be a rapidly growing, rather than a slowly dying, use of radio communication. And, it is young people who are at the vanguard of the change.

*Respectfully,
Gary Walls
Yacht Amadon Light of Honolulu
Lying Trinidad, West Indies"*

177. Don Fraser, VE0FB, aboard "SCORPIO III"

"For submission in support of Australian Winlink project. Good luck....Don.

178. Clark Straw, N5XX, Boat Name/#: "FINAL STRAW"

"I am certainly in favor of supporting Winlink in Australia and you may use my name/call for that cause."

179. Ken Johnson, kd6pcg, Boat Name/#: S/V "SUNBOW", out of San Francisco, 2pob

"Dear Sirs, Please allow WinLink to operate within Australia. We are a cruising couple who depend on Winlink for safety weather bulletins and to stay in touch with children and parents during our circumnavigation. Email has become a vital link while sailing off shore or anchored in remote islands with no phones. Thanks for your help, Ken Johnson."

180 & 181. Hugh and Lauren Hawkins, VK4IMP, Boat Name/#: "IOLANI" Aus. #854327/Qld. KL2262Q

"Dear Tony, I have just received on board from our mobile phone. We yachties thank you for your efforts and are happy to give the details requested as we frequently receive relays of important messages courtesy of WinLink from our yachting friends. Your

interest and help is greatly appreciated. Good luck and best wishes from Hugh & Lauren."

182. Henry Perk, Mozambique Delegation Telecom Delegate
VE0HSS, S/V "**SOMETHING SPECIAL**"

183. Brian "JOE" Poole, Ham Calls: G3MRC, GM3OAE, VS1FW,
VS2FW, 9M2AN, ZB2/G3MRC, 9Q5MRC, 9U5MRC, 5X1P,
VK8CP, Z38/G3MRC, C91MR, C93MR, C96MR, C97MR.

184. David Peel, s/v "**ARIYL IRIJAH**"

"I write in favor of WinLink in Australia. Dear Tony, I am in full support! If they get it we will possibly sail there. My name is David Peel, Ham call is K4HIX, Boat name is Ariyl Irijah, Let us know how else we can help. Sincerely."

185. Richard N. Johnson, KL0NL, "**MERMAID**"

186. Colin Ward KD5FVC, Yacht "**MANDALAY**"

"I understand there is a commission that will either help or stop the Winlink 2000 program from operating in Australia. After having spent 20 months in and around Australia we feel it is very important to those of us living on yachts to have this internet link. Without Australia's help with connections it will leave a large void in the system. Yachts also bring into your country much money from marinas to repairs and just tourist fun. Please try to help us get the Winlink 2000 on line in Australia."

187. Joan Gillett, KB3EPL, Boat Name/#: "**SILVER HEELS**"

"I very strongly support this movement to provide Winlink in Australia. Joan and Andy Gillett, s/v/ Silver Heels"

188. Bruce Anthony Ross, np2bc, boat name is "**JABULA**" (this is happiness in Zulu)

"We have been using the ham radio email system for about 4 years now. The Winlink 2000system is really wonderful. We couldn't be out cruising without it. Have parents that are getting old and need to keep in constant contact with them. By us using the email has encouraged them to use it as well. I would definitely encourage Australia to start using Winlink 2000."

189. Mary Carol Senay, KF4UAK, s/v "**DREAM CATCHER**"

"I am completing a circumnavigation with my husband and 14 yr old daughter, having originally left from Clearwater Florida in 1997. I find Winlink 2000 invaluable out here on the seas. I have traveled through Australia 2 years ago before Winlink was in effect elsewhere. I highly support the expansion of Winlink 2000 in Australia to complete a highly utilized system, providing support and comfort to ham users around the world. My email address is Thank you. Mary Carol Senay - currently crossing the Atlantic on s/v DreamCatcher"

190. Angela Hunter, NP2LS, Boat Name is "TAO 8"

"I'm happy to add my name to the list of supporters for Winlink in Australia. Good luck to the Winlink Team. 73,Angie Hunter np2ls"

191. Fred L. Sanders, WK1F

"I support the request of Anthony (Tony) Van Vugt (VK1VM/KN4VM) that submitted a detailed Formal "Submission" in behalf of WinLink 2000 to the Australian "Productivity Committee." 73's Fred.

192. Trevor Hodgson, KB2YPS, Boat Name/#: S/V "SULAIR", US doc'n No. 1081108

"The winlink system, is a most valuable benefit for those at sea. It not only provides reassuring contact with family ashore but its services could prove critical in an emergency. Currently the southern hemisphere is covered relatively poorly and a station in Australia would be a most important enhancement to the network. I hope any obstacles can be overcome as I am planning to sail in southern waters in 2002 and 2003 and would like to enjoy the same communication facilities as I have further north. Trevor Hodgson KB2YPS"

193. Anton Jongejans, F5YA, Boat Name/#: "GROYABADA"

"I fully support the submission of Winlink to Australian authority. I expect to be a user in a few years when I will be there!! We are presently in Venezuela."

194. John M. Atkisson, KB3FQQ, Boat Name: "Kestrel"

"Please know of my support for liberalizing the laws of Australia to permit use of the WINLINK system in those waters. The WinLink

amateur service enhances the life of cruisers like me without competing in any real sense with proprietary entrepreneurial services. In the long run, allowing WinLink users to operate can only aid Australian commerce by making Australia even more inviting to world cruisers. Many thanks".

**195 & 196 Frank and Greta Priester, DK5QI and SM7TGB, S.Y.
"LEWANNA"**

"Dear Anthony, We are a german couple, and sailing around the world. In spring we want to go through the Panama-Canal heading to Australia. As we are using E-mail over Pactor very much, we would like to have this opportunity in Australian waters too".

**197 & 198. Gary W Stockton & Diane K Fasel, KG6FSK & KG6FSG, Boat
Name: "TRUE LOVE"**

"We would like to add our support for WinLink in Australia. As current cruisers we find the WinLink system a invaluable link to e-mail and weather information. The system has worked beautifully in California and we are looking forward to using the system when we visit Australia. Gary W Stockton and Diane K Fasel"

**199. Jean Ness, VE0MEN, Boat Name: "REPOSE"
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"I use the winlink system frequently for the majority of my e-mail and would greatly appreciate having links in Australia. Thanks for your efforts on behalf of all of us. Jean"

**200. Jack Tyler, N3FYP (Extra Class), s/v "WHOOSH" (U.S. Doc#
621222)**

"I'm writing to endorse to the Australian 'Productivity Committee' the safety benefits of providing Winlink access to properly licensed amateur radio operators in the coastal waters adjacent to Australia. Especially due to the heavy weather, substantial currents, large tides, and sweeping tropical and non-tropical storm systems which are experienced by various parts of coastal Australia, there is absolutely no doubt that current text, sat photos and wx fax forecast information is a direct aid to the seaman in managing his/her vessel safely along the Australian coast. As the Committee no doubt knows, access to a broad selection of this information is hard to come by offshore, while Winlink provides it at a price anyone can afford."

My wife and I have used this system for two years while sailing our boat offshore short-handed and, almost exclusively due to Winlink,

we've been able to passage safely with a thorough knowledge of the weather systems. We are certain that, if the members of the Committee had been with us during even a short portion of this period, they would be heartily endorsing it as well."

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the two hundred (200) listed Respondents who have asked that their views be placed before the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Radio Communications.

Anthony Van Vugt

Please visit the Internet at: www.aussiewinlink.org for more information!