

CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION - II

ON BEHALF OF FORTY TWO (42) RESPONDENTS TO THE

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION'S RADIO COMMUNICATIONS INQUIRY

Please allow me submit this second consolidated submission that covers 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 into this single Submission were collected at a Convention of the international "Seven Seas Cruising Association" held in Melbourne, Florida, USA on 9 November 2001.¹ It comprises the remaining Submissions that had not as yet been forwarded to the Commission. These remaining Submissions have been consolidated into this Consolidated Submission in the anticipation that it will reduce the workload of the Productivity Commission's staff.²

The text of the pro-forma email message that has been signed individually by each of the Respondents is quoted, for the record, below:

QUOTE

For Commissioners David Robertson and Neil Byron:

We are members of the international Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA) of recreational cruisers. Most of us live on and cruise our boats locally and on the high seas. We have a vital interest in digital ship-to-shore amateur radio communications to prevent and, if necessary, to report emergencies.

At a recent SSCA Gam, held in Florida - USA, we were informed about your Review of the Radio Communications Act. We would very much like to contribute. However, in the limited time left it is not possible to prepare individual submissions. However, Mr. Anthony Van Vugt, an Australian member of our Association, has already placed a detailed submission before you. We support that submission.

¹ The Productivity Commission may wish to refer to this Consolidated Submission as: "Seven Seas Cruising Association Members" or just as "SSCA Members".

² If the Productivity Commission so desires, the 42 Submissions could be send also individually.

Allow us, please, to reiterate the interests of international, including Australian, recreational cruisers. The most reliable means for sending and receiving amateur radio communications is via WinLink 2000 – a digital communications network operated by radio amateurs, 24 hours per day. WinLink 2000 is our lifeline and safety net. It is not available yet in Australia.

Also, Australian travelers are supported worldwide, by WinLink 2000 PMBOs. There are Australian radio amateurs and recreational cruisers who like to reciprocate. Having a PMBO on friendly Australian shores would add to the security and comfort of cruisers in Australian waters and on the high seas.

We understand that all what is needed is to change the ACA Determination to allow interconnection between amateur radio and the Internet. Your Review provides a unique opportunity to liberalize amateur radio operations in Australia. It would allow them to participate in our international cooperative effort and support advances in Information and Communications Technology.

We ask you to recommend that the ACA Determination be suitably amended.

UNQUOTE

The names of the signatories and their contact information is provided in the table below:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the forty-two (42) listed Respondents who have asked that their views be placed before the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Radio Communications.

I trust that this discharges adequately my responsibility to these respondents and to the Productivity Commission.

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- (1) The progress with this Inquiry in as far as it concerns amateur radio;**
- (2) Comments on the relevant sections of the Productivity Commission's Draft and Final Reports (when published);**
- (3) The responses, if any, on this subject by the Australian Communications Authority, and**
- (4) As hoped by all, the speedy favorable decisions by the Australian Government.**