

To Commissioners David Robertson and Neil Byron:

Sirs;

As of December 26, 2001, there are over 170 active Australian Amateur Radio operators currently using WinLink 2000 on a weekly basis. My assumption is that the majority of these stations are located on private vessels offshore.

My purpose in bringing this to your attention is to illustrate the bias in the Submissions displayed on the Productivity Commission's WEB site. Unfortunately, A very small portion of those 170 plus Australian Amateur radio operators using the WinLink 2000 system verbalized their opinion in the form of a submission. All users of the system were invited to do so. Perhaps they were intimidated by the current ACA regulations regarding 3rd-party traffic as well as the Internet connectivity issues. However, regardless of their reasons and by virtue of their daily use of the WL2K system, it would appear that they have a strong need to use it and apparently this need continues.

Lastly, should there be any questions regarding the operations of WinLink 2000, technical or otherwise, please feel free to contact me directly. It is our great desire to work in cooperation with the Productivity Commission toward bringing this service into Australia.

Respectfully Submitted,

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