

## **Inquiry into the Telecommunications (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011**

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AMTA would also like to provide clarification in regard to industry funding provided to the NHMRC for research into health effects from the industry levy. On Page 18, Mr Althaus referred to funds collected via this mechanism over "...the last levy period...".

Mr Althaus was referring to the period since the mechanism was re-adopted by ACMA in 2005 and the sum mentioned was an estimate only. A more accurate description is that ACMA collects \$1 million per annum from radiocommunications licence fees for the purposes of EME research and public information.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is the body that administers the funding for EME health research, and their research program is described on their website at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/outcomes-funding-rounds/nhmrc-funded-research-effects-electromagnetic-energy>.

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