

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications –
Radiocommunications Bills 2020**
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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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Division: Spectrum and Telecommunications Deployment Policy

Inquiry Name: Radiocommunications Bills 2020

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Topic: Amount of Consultations conducted during the review and reform process

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Senator Green asked: On that, how many consultations were conducted? Can you provide the committee with the dates and what entities were involved in those consultations as well?

Ms Brown: We might need to take that on notice to give you all the precise answers, but I might ask if Ms Blackwood can give a general answer. I only joined the department in August, so I wasn't party to all of the consultations up to the development of the bill, but Ms Blackwood can probably elaborate a lot on the consultations that did occur.

Answer:

As part of conducting the Spectrum Review, the Department held the Spectrum Review Stakeholder workshop on 28 January 2015 in Barton, ACT. The following stakeholders attended the workshop:

- ACT Emergency Services Agency
- Airservices Australia
- Attorney-General's Department
- Australasian Railway Association
- Australia Subscription Television and Radio Association (ASTRA)
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- Australian Federal Police (AFP)
- Australian Industry Group
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
- Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA)
- Australian Radio Communications Industry Association (ARCIA)
- BAI Communications
- Bureau of Meteorology
- Centre for International Economics
- CGP Solutions
- Via Sat
- Commercial Radio Australia (CRA)
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
- Communications Alliance
- Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA)
- Coutts Communications
- Department of Defence
- Department of Finance
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Engineers Australia
- Fairfax Radio Network
- Foxtel
- Free TV Australia
- Geoscience Australia
- Horton Consulting (representing Intelsat and Inmarsat)
- Imparja Television
- Iridium
- Innovative Electronics
- Motorola Solutions Australia
- Network Strategies Limited

- NewSat
- Nine Entertainment Co
- NSW Government Telecommunications Authority
- Office of the Chief Information Officer, Government of South Australia
- Optus
- Police Federation of Australia
- PRIME7 Television
- Queensland Public Safety Business Agency
- Seven West Media Limited, Southern Cross Austereo
- Space Industry Association of Australia
- Special Broadcasting Service
- Spectrum Engineering Australia
- Swinburne Institute for Social Research
- Taggle Systems
- Telstra
- Ten Network Holdings
- Treasury
- Vodafone Hutchison Australia (VHA)
- WIN Corporation
- Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA)
- Australian Communications and Media Authority

For the purpose of developing the 2017 exposure draft Radiocommunications Bill, the Department held the Single Licensing System roundtable on 18 November 2016. The following stakeholders attended the roundtable:

- Australian Communications and Media Authority
- AMTA
- ARCIA
- Channel Seven
- Channel Ten
- Southern Cross Austereo
- CSIRO
- Department of Defence
- Channel Nine
- CRA
- Foxtel
- Free TV
- Intelsat
- Inmarsat
- NBN Co
- Optus
- Telstra and
- VHA.

The Department released a consultation package on proposed reforms to the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*, including the 2017 Radiocommunications Bill exposure draft, on its website for public comment from 17 May 2017 to 28 July 2017. The Department held five stakeholder information sessions on the exposure draft of the Bill at government offices in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne on 5, 7, 8 and 9 June 2017. The following stakeholders attended the information sessions on the date/time indicated¹:

- from 10am to 11:30am on 7 June 2017:

¹ A list of participants is not available for the information session held from 10am to 11:30am on 5 June 2017:

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
- Insight Telecommunications Consulting
- Airservices Australia
- NBN Co
- AMTA
- Network Ten
- Australian Narrowcast Radio Association (ANRA)
- Nine Network
- Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association (ASTRA)
- NSW Telco Authority
- Australian Industry Group
- Optus
- Bright Consulting
- Optus
- from 2pm to 3:30pm on 7 June 2017:
 - ABC
 - Prime Media Group
 - Network Ten
 - Free TV Australia
 - Seven Network
 - Commercial Radio Australia Limited
 - Nine Network
- on 8 June 2017:
 - Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman
 - O3b
 - King and Wood Mallesons
 - Network Strategies Limited
 - Intelsat
 - Inmarsat
 - CGP Solutions Ltd
 - Samsung
 - Bureau of Meteorology
- On 9 June 2017:
 - Treasury
 - Airservices Australia
 - Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
 - Department of Finance
 - Defence
 - Attorney-General's Department
 - Civil Aviation Safety Authority
 - AFP
- CBAA
- SBS
- Communications Alliance
- Spectrum Engineering Australia Pty Ltd
- CSIRO
- Telstra
- Foxtel
- TVSN Channel
- Free TV Australia
- UBS
- Holding Redlich
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Vodafone
- WIA
- NBN Co
- Webb Henderson Lawyers
- WIN Corp
- SBS
- Broadcast Australia
- Southern Cross Austereo
- Webb Henderson Lawyers
- Prime Media Group
- Holding Redlich
- CBAA
- Telstra
- WIA
- DB Telecommunications Pty Ltd
- Cambium Networks
- Amateur Radio Operator
- Ericsson
- Holding Redlich
- Swinburne University
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (NZ)
- CSIRO
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development
- ACMA
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

The Department also held 18 bilateral meetings with industry and government stakeholders on the exposure draft of the 2017 Radiocommunications Bill:

- separate meeting with WIN, Free TV, AMTA and CRA on 9 June 2017;
- separate meetings with WIN, FreeTV, AMTA and CRA on 15 May 2017;

- ARCIA on 9 June 2017;
- separate meetings with the ACCC, ANRA and the Department of Industry on 15 June 2017;
- SBS on 16 June 2017;
- TVSN on 21 June 2017;
- Department of Defence on 4 July 2017;
- AMTA on 6 July 2017;
- Telstra on 7 July 2017;
- ARCIA on 12 July 2017;
- Inmarsat on 3 September 2017;
- Intelsat/Inmarsat on 24 July 2017; and
- Attorney General's Department and Australian Federal Police on 2 August 2017.

The Department held 11 bilateral meetings with industry and government stakeholders as part of further consultation with stakeholders:

- separate meetings with Telstra and AMTA on 27 November 2017;
- NBN Co on 28 November 2017;
- CSIRO on 30 November 2017;
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science on 7 December 2017;
- ANRA on 12 December 2017;
- Foxtel-ASTRA on 13 December 2017;
- Telstra on 18 December 2017;
- ARCIA on 27 February 2018;
- AFP on 4 April 2018; and
- CSIRO on 10 August 2018.

As part of further consultation with stakeholders, the Department also held the Radiocommunications Spectrum Reform Roundtable on 20 February 2018. The following stakeholders attended the roundtable:

- AMTA
- ARCIA
- Commercial Radio Australia
- CSIRO
- Department of Defence
- Foxtel
- FreeTV
- NBN Co
- Optus
- Telstra
- VHA
- ACMA

Following this the Department continued to engage with stakeholders on the approach to radiocommunications reform through routine engagements on a range of policy issues.

The Department released an exposure draft of the Radiocommunications Legislation (Reform and Modernisation) Bill 2020 on its website for public comment for the period 24 June to 17 July 2020. The Department held 12 bilateral meetings with industry and government stakeholders on the exposure draft of the Bill between 24 June and 16 July 2020, and offered to hold bilateral meetings with all stakeholder. Meetings were held with the following stakeholders on the date indicated:

- ACCC on 24 June 2020
- Department of Defence on 25 June 2020
- CSIRO, Airservices Australia, AFP, Bureau of Meteorology, Geoscience Australia, Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Department of Industry on 25 June 2020
- AMTA on 26 June 2020
- ARCIA on 29 June 2020
- Communications Alliance on 30 June 2020
- NBN Co on 1 July 2020 and
- Department of Defence on 1 July 2020
- AMSA on 7 July 2020
- WISPAU on 7 July 2020 and
- AMTA on 13 and 16 July 2020.