

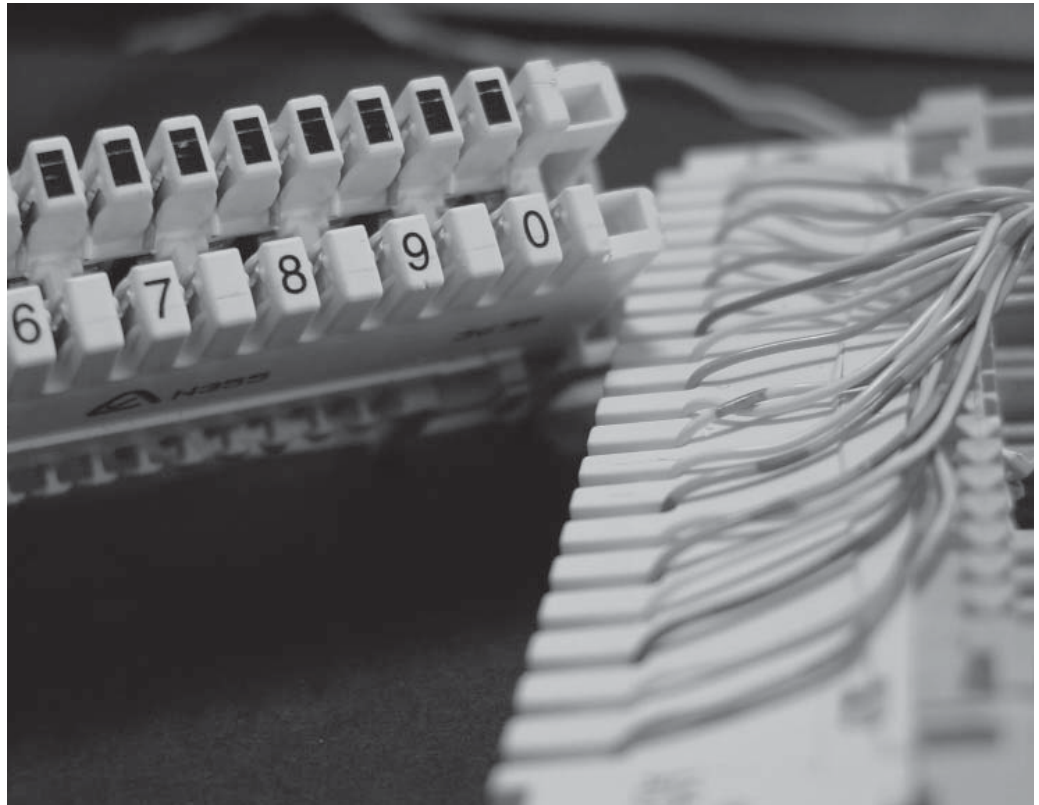
## ACCREDITED FREQUENCY ASSIGNER SCHEME UNDER REVIEW

ACMA is reviewing the accredited persons scheme, which has provided services to spectrum users since 1996. Under the scheme, accredited persons issue frequency assignment certificates for radiocommunications apparatus licensing and interference impact certificates as part of the registration of devices under spectrum licensing. While the scheme has successfully supported licensing for several years, this review is aimed at identifying any improvements that could build on its success. ACMA wants to ensure the continued improvement in the availability, quality, equity and long-term viability of the scheme.

Of the 47 accredited persons in Australia, the number of those who are active (and the amount of work they undertake) has been relatively steady for the last four years. Many apparatus licence applicants prefer to use accredited persons, rather than go direct to ACMA, to obtain a broad range of services and advice to meet their needs.

A discussion paper outlining proposed changes to the scheme was released in late June 2005 for public comment by 31 August. In the paper, which was published on the ACMA website, comment was sought on issues including entry qualifications and period of accreditation, assignment and licensing documentation, training and skills and ACMA's online system.

# Cabling provider rules to be changed



Changes have been proposed to the *Telecommunications Cabling Provider Rules 2000*, which govern cabler registration and cabling work. The changes will tighten the rules in some areas and relax them in others to reflect current industry practice and regulatory experience. The proposed amendments, which follow industry consultation on the operation of the rules, are expected to improve their operation.

The changes include tightening the certification requirements for registered cablers supervising unregistered cablers and exempting certain types of minor cabling work

from the obligation to be certified. The responsibilities of registered cablers supervising unregistered cablers will also be made clearer.

The review of the cabling provider rules aimed to ensure they kept pace with changes in the industry, exploring opportunities for extending self-regulation and examining issues raised by industry since they were introduced in October 2000. The cabling industry supported the review to ensure the objectives of the rules continue to be met.

The cabling provider rules were introduced to promote greater self-regulation in the cabling industry and were

jointly developed by the industry and the former ACA. The rules are based on an industry-managed national cabling registration scheme and apply to individuals performing cabling work in the communications, security, fire and data sectors. All cablers are required to comply with the registration requirements set out in the rules.

The proposed changes are on the ACMA website, go to [Industry >](#) . A discussion paper released in late June 2005 canvassed the changes, with comments to be submitted by 31 August.