

# SPECTRUM LICENSING WORKSHOP 2.3 GHz band

**Industry stakeholders and ACMA representatives gathered recently in Melbourne to discuss the proposed allocation of residual spectrum in the 2.3 GHz band.**

The workshop, held at the ACMA offices on 21 November 2008, was attended by 16 people and included representatives from the mining and communications industries.

Also in attendance were representatives from the Department of Defence and the Department of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy, as well as a number of ACMA staff from the Pricing and Policy Branch and the Spectrum

Planning Branch.

ACMA has developed a draft marketing plan proposing a revised technical framework (or operating conditions) for spectrum licensees in the 2.3 GHz band. The draft plan will also allow allocation of residual, unencumbered spectrum in the 2.3 GHz band in rural and remote areas of Australia.

The revised technical framework aims to reflect

technological innovation in the delivery of services to non-metropolitan areas. It provides greater flexibility for the deployment of a wider range of technologies than covered under the previous framework. Existing licensees in this band have agreed to the revised technical framework and all new licences in the band will be subject to the same operating conditions.

The workshop focused on the proposed allocation of the residual spectrum in the 2.3 GHz band which is located in regional and remote areas of Australia; and discussed issues such as the proposed technical framework, the proposed regional licence area model, price-based allocation processes and issues associated with third-party authorisations and spectrum trading.

The information pack that was distributed to participants is available; please contact Victoria Robertson on (02) 6219 5325 or at [regulatorydevelopment@acma.gov.au](mailto:regulatorydevelopment@acma.gov.au).