

# The ACMA proposes release of spectrum for intelligent transport systems

The ACMA is seeking public comment on proposals to release spectrum in the 5 850-5 925 MHz band (the 5.9 GHz band) to permit the introduction of intelligent transport systems (ITS) for road users in Australia as outlined in the discussion paper *Planning for intelligent transport systems*.

Australia currently has a number of services allocated to the 5.9 GHz band, including the fixed service, fixed-satellite service and mobile services. This paper proposes the development of sharing arrangements that could accommodate the introduction of ITS in the 5.9 GHz band and ensure that the impact on existing services operating in this band is limited.

The discussion paper was released in the lead up to the ACMA's Transport Spectrum Tune-Up, a one day seminar on spectrum issues in the transport sector, which was held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on 18 November.

## Submissions

The ACMA invites comments on the issues set out in this discussion paper, or any other issues relevant to the introduction of ITS operating in the 5.9 GHz band in Australia. The closing date for submissions is 17 December 2009. Submissions can be sent by email to [bridget.lally@acma.gov.au](mailto:bridget.lally@acma.gov.au) or can be lodged by post to:

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The discussion paper, *Planning for intelligent transport systems*, is available on the ACMA website at [www.acma.gov.au](http://www.acma.gov.au) (go to About ACMA: News & media centre > Issues for comment > IFC 27/2009).

