

MATTERS for comment

ACMA is seeking public and industry comment on the recently released discussion paper about spectrum licensing technical framework arrangements.

Spectrum licensing **technical frameworks** review

The purpose of the review is to ensure that:

- future technical frameworks for different frequency bands use a consistent methodology
- technical frameworks are clear and easily understood by industry
- future technical frameworks can accommodate new technology developments and interference methods
- the development of future technical frameworks follows principles of international best practice in the design and consideration of interference management techniques.

The purpose of the discussion paper is to seek views from stakeholders and to help ACMA develop future arrangements for spectrum licensing technical frameworks. The discussion paper analyses the following aspects of technical frameworks:

- whether the current methodology applied in the development of technical frameworks is appropriate for Australian requirements
- the method for specifying technical conditions
- possible inefficiencies in the current method
- possible underlay and overlay technologies for inclusion in future technical frameworks.

ACMA has also released an information paper, *Spectrum Licensing Technical Frameworks: Information Paper*, that provides detailed information and guidance on the current regulatory and technical arrangements that apply to spectrum licensing generally.

The discussion and information papers are available in pdf or Microsoft Word formats on the ACMA website www.acma.gov.au. Go to About ACMA > News & media centre > Issues for comment > Review of spectrum licensing technical frameworks.

ACMA will analyse all responses to this discussion paper in considering whether changes should be made to arrangements for future technical frameworks.

The closing date for submissions is **COB Friday 12 June 2009**.

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