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Radcomms09 CONFERENCE AGENDA RELEASED

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator the Hon. Stephen Conroy, will deliver a keynote address at RadComms09, ACMA's third annual conference on the management of Australia's radiofrequency spectrum. RadComms09 will be held at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 April 2009.

ACMA Chairman, Chris Chapman, will also deliver an important opening address at the conference about the continuing role of the Authority in spectrum management.

The full conference agenda has now been released (see pp. 12–13, following). Some of the presentations on radiofrequency spectrum issues from industry and government representatives at the two-day event will include '3.6 GHz ISP Perspective', 'Fixed-Service Issues', 'TV: New Technologies' and '400 MHz: ACMA Update: Process and Progress'.

Chris Chapman said that 'at RadComms09 there will be significant time devoted to Q&A panel sessions to promote extended discussion on current and new initiatives, and I'm looking forward to addressing the conference on ACMA foundations for the future.'

RadComms09 will enable participation by a

wide range of industry stakeholders and foster discussion on future trends and overall spectrum requirements for new and existing services. Industry participation and discussion of this quality is an important element of ACMA's consultative process and directly influences its development of regulatory policies on emerging and evolving radio spectrum management issues.

At the conclusion of the first day of the conference, a welcome address will be held on the decks of ex-naval destroyer *HMAS Vampire*.

Registration details for RadComms09 are available on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au/radcomms09. For further information contact Lucy McGee on (02) 6219 5341 or by email at Lucy.McGee@acma.gov.au.



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DAY ONE — VENUE: THE THEATRE

8.00-9:00 REGISTRATION AND ARRIVAL, TEA AND COFFEE

9:00	Introduction from Conference MC Malcolm Long, Part-time Member, ACMA
9:10	Keynote Address Chris Chapman, ACMA Chair
9:30	Address Giles Tanner, General Manager, Inputs to Industry Division, ACMA

10.00-10:30 MORNING TEA

SESSION ONE: POLICY CHAIR: CHRIS CHEAH, Acting Deputy Chair, ACMA

10:30	A DBCDE Perspective Keith Besgrove, First Assistant Secretary, Telecommunications, Network Regulation and Australia Post Division, DBCDE
11:00	Opportunity-Cost Pricing Richard Scheelings, Principal Economist, Economic Research Section, ACMA
11:30	Technical Frameworks Gabriel Phillips, Senior Engineer, Policy and Research Section, ACMA

12.00-1:00 LUNCH

SESSION TWO: LAND MOBILE AND INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT CHAIR: GEOFF LUTHER, Authority Member, ACMA

1:00	Technologies for Dedicated Short-Range Communications Dr Alex Grant, Director, Institute for Telecommunications Research, University of South Australia
1:30	400 MHz—ACMA Update: Process and Progress Andrew Stewart, Acting Principal Engineer, Government Planning Section, ACMA
1:50	400 MHz—Industry Perspective Andrew Findlay, Managing Director, Vertel Pty Ltd
2:10	400 MHz—Government Perspective Tony Gates, General Manager Operations, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, NSW
2:30	400 MHz—Q & A Session
3:00	Keynote Address Senator the Hon. Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

3.30-4:00 AFTERNOON TEA

PANEL SESSION CHAIR: CHRIS CHEAH, Acting Deputy Chair, ACMA

4:00	Keith Besgrove, First Assistant Secretary, Telecommunications, Network Regulation and Australia Post Division, DBCDE Richard Scheelings, Principal Economist, Economic Research Section, ACMA Gabriel Phillips, Senior Engineer, Policy and Research Section, ACMA Dr Alex Grant, Director, Institute for Telecommunications Research, University of South Australia Andrew Stewart, Acting Principal Engineer, Government Planning Section, ACMA Andrew Findlay, Managing Director, Vertel Pty Ltd Tony Gates, General Manager Operations, Government Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, NSW
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5.00 WELCOME RECEPTION: CANAPÉS AND DRINKS

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DAY TWO — VENUE: THE THEATRE

8.30-9.00 ARRIVAL, TEA AND COFFEE

SESSION THREE: DIGITAL BROADCASTING

CHAIR: ROD SHOGREN, Part-time Member, ACMA

9:00	Digital Radio Joan Warner, CEO, Commercial Radio Australia Ltd
9:30	ACMA's Role in the Digital Switchover David Bramfield, Executive Manager, Digital TV Taskforce Branch, ACMA
10:00	Digital Dividend Chris Althaus, CEO, Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association

10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA

SESSION FOUR: EMERGING ISSUES

CHAIR: JENNIFER MCNEILL, Part-time Member, ACMA

11:00	TV: New Technologies Andrew King, Network Manager, Spectrum and Transmission, Network Ten
11:30	ACMA's New Service Models Tony George, Section Manager, Complex Licensing and Allocations Issues Section, ACMA
12:00	Fixed-Service Issues Peter Hilly, Managing Director, Spectrum Engineering Australia Pty Ltd

12.30-1.30 LUNCH

SESSION FIVE: WIRELESS ACCESS SERVICES

CHAIR: JOHANNA PLANTE, Part-time Member, ACMA

1:30	2.5 GHz Update Eleanor Kay, Section Manager, Policy and Research Section, ACMA
2:00	Release of 3.6 GHz David Goggin, Engineer, Spectrum Engineering Section, ACMA
2:30	3.6 GHz—Satellite Industry Perspective David Ball, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Intelsat
3:00	3.6 GHz—ISP Perspective Lynda Summers, Chair, NSW Regional Communities Consultative Council and Murray Regional Development Board

3.30-4.00 AFTERNOON TEA

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5.00 RADCOMMS09 CONCLUDES