Save the date— Spectrum Tune-Up

Government, academic and industry leaders are invited to register for the ACMA's next Spectrum Tune-Up, which will focus on the digital dividend spectrum (694–820 MHz).

The Digital Dividend Spectrum Tune-Up—to be held on Wednesday 3 November at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney—will be a valuable opportunity for industry and government to share views and discuss relevant issues concerning the digital dividend. Digital dividend is the term used to describe the spectrum freed up as a result of the switchover from analog to digital television.

Importantly, the conference will form part of the ACMA's public consultation process, which will commence shortly with the release of the *Digital dividend allocation* discussion paper.

A detailed conference agenda is also available on the ACMA website. Presenters will cover a range of topics including:

- > clearance, availability and potential uses of the spectrum
- configuration issues, including the ACMA's proposed approach to developing technical frameworks for future use and external events that may impact on this process
- > allocation issues, including how the spectrum should be packaged (in terms of size, frequency ranges and geographic area, for example) to be suitable for the needs of a range of potential bidders
- > timing of the digital dividend auction and possible reallocation of spectrum in other bands such as 2.5 GHz.

In addition to providing stakeholders with information about the process for reallocating the digital dividend spectrum, it is expected that this Spectrum Tune-Up will help delegates prepare submissions to the *Digital dividend allocation* discussion paper.

The Spectrum Tune-Up program complements the ACMA's highly successful annual RadComms conference. Together, they serve to keep the ACMA's lines of communication open.

Registration opened on 1 October. Places are limited so register now.

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The conference agenda is available on the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au/tuneup.

