Industry and government discuss the future of spectrum at RadComms2010

The ACMA's fourth conference on spectrum management, *RadComms2010—Spectrum, powering a mobile world*, was held in Melbourne on 5 and 6 May 2010.

The ACMA's world-class RadComms conferences give members of the radiocommunications community a unique opportunity to hear the latest spectrum developments, participate in open forums and exchange ideas with fellow radiocommunications professionals from across industry and government.

This year's conference attracted more than 240 delegates, including representatives from federal, state and local government, carriers and service providers, satellite operators, broadcasters and equipment retailers.

Among the special guests in 2010 was Dato' Mohamed Sharil Tarmizi, Chief Operating Officer, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, who delivered the keynote address. Mr Tarmizi was one of many government and industry professionals who discussed contemporary and evolving spectrum issues and how they will impact us in the future.

Topics covered at this year's conference included:

> digital dividend and 2.5 GHz allocation issues

> spectrum reform initiatives

> industry perspectives on spectrum management

> spectrum needs—Defence perspective.

The end of each day featured a panel-style question and answer session, which saw a high level of audience participation and robust discussion on topical spectrum issues. There were also several breaks throughout the conference, giving delegates an opportunity to mingle and discuss spectrum management as it concerns them.

Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy also addressed the conference and provided insight into the government's commitment to spectrum management.

'This year's theme—powering a mobile world—couldn't be more appropriate,' said Mr Conroy.

'In a world where always-on access is becoming reality—where we communicate, socialise, distribute news and are entertained and informed instantaneously—mobility for communications will no longer be a privilege, it will be a necessity.'

'We are on the cusp of a digital awakening that will change our lives forever, as long as we ensure the infrastructure is in place to take advantage of it,' he said.

Copies of presentations and podcasts from RadComms2010, including the addresses from the Minister and Chris Chapman are available on the ACMA website at **www.acma.gov.au/radcomms2010**.

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Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, delivering his address at RadComms2010.