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ALLOCATION LIMITS ADVICE FOR 3.4-4.0 GHZ BAND ALLOCATION IN REMOTE AREAS

References

- A. ACCC consultation paper on allocation limits advice for 3.4-4.0 GHz remote allocation
 - B. Request for advice from ACMA – 6 August 2021
1. Defence appreciates the opportunity to comment on the consultation paper in Reference A. Defence also notes that there will be opportunities to further engage with the ACMA on the issues listed in Reference B.
 2. Defence respects the ACMA's decisions to be guided by the Objective of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* which promotes the long term public interest from the use of the spectrum by providing spectrum management that facilitates the use of the spectrum for defence purposes, national security and other non-commercial purposes. Defence would like to use this opportunity to confirm our long term interest in facilitating the 3.4 – 4.0 GHz spectrum in remote areas.
 3. Defence is the largest spectrum user in Australia with the most diverse needs, in terms of system types and deployment models and includes operation for various purposes in the above-mentioned frequency band. Defence is also a downstream user of national telecommunications operators.
 4. The Australian Government will invest approximately \$270 billion in Defence capability over the decade to 2029-30¹. One of the key priorities of these investments will be developing information and communication networks relying on long term certainty to the spectrum access including the 3.4-4 GHz frequency band.

¹ [2020 Defence Strategic Update & 2020 Force Structure Plan](#)

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