

Communications Alliance Satellite Services Working Group



The **Satellite Services Working Group** (SSWG) within Communications Alliance Ltd (CA) was formally established in 2012 to represent and advance the interests of CA members involved in the delivery of satellite-based network and facilities services on a wholesale and/or retail basis.

Participation is open to Communications Alliance members, including but not limited to service providers engaged in:

- Operation of in-orbit satellites – GEO, MEO and LEO spacecraft;
- Manufacturing of satellites and/or ground-segment equipment;
- Provision of launch services and TTC&M services;
- Wholesale provision of satellite network services;
- Retail provision of satellite-based services to business and consumer markets;
- Installation of satellite customer equipment and network equipment
- Provision of legal or consulting services to the satellite sector

Membership is limited to organisations or individuals who are CA members, but the SSWG may decide to establish links with non-members organisations or individuals. The Group may establish sub-groups to work on specified issues.

The initial Chair of the group is Communications Alliance CEO, John Stanton, supported by Communications Alliance project manager, Mike Johns. Luke Coleman CEO, the current chair, commenced October 2024.

Scope of Operations: The Group's terms of reference, priorities, work plan and frequency of meetings will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The Group's areas of activity include:

- Advocacy on behalf of the satellite sector, especially on radiocommunications regulation issues, including via input to State and Federal Government policy development and Inquiries, and through representation of satellite sector interests on relevant Department and ACMA committees and working groups;
- Ongoing engagement with the Australian Space Agency;
- General promotion of the role and importance of satellite services for Australia;
- Expert input into the creation or revision of Communications Alliance Codes, Guidelines and Standards that have implications for satellite-based services;
- Collaborative activities to foster the development and growth of the satellite sector in Australia and to resolve technical or commercial issues of common interest;
- Monitoring of international radiocommunications regulations and standards work relevant to the Australian satellite sector;

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