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Dear Chris

RE: Spectrum planning framework - Draft frequency coordination requirements review work program 2023–24

The Communications Alliance Satellite Services Working Group (SSWG) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the ACMA's *Spectrum planning framework - Draft frequency coordination requirements review work program 2023–24* consultation.

The SSWG wishes to provide the following comments on the ACMA's proposed Work Program for revising the frequency assignment and coordination documents:

FX03 Microwave fixed services frequency coordination including information on RPE data files

Revision: Q3 2023–Q2 2024

The SSWG has a particular interest in the consideration of new P2P channel arrangements of 56 MHz and 112 MHz in the 14.5–15.35 GHz band (the 15 GHz band) shared with the FSS.

The SSWG wishes to be involved in the review of this document.

MS44 Frequency coordination procedures for the earth station protection zones

Revision: Not proposed by ACMA

The CA SSWG provided a submission to the ACMA consultation on ['Improving the technical arrangements for AWLs in the 26 GHz and 28 GHz bands'](#) (9 March 2022). The concerns raised in this submission were not addressed in the current version of MS44 and we propose that a review is warranted.

As users of Earth Station Protection Zones (ESPZs), the SSWG wishes to be involved in the review of this document.

MS47 Licensing and coordination procedures for area-wide apparatus licensed services in the 3400–4000 MHz band

Revision: Q3–Q4 2023

The SSWG has a particular interest in changes to MS47 as it affects the operation of FSS C-band earth station receivers operating in Australia.

The SSWG wishes to be involved in the review of this document.

MS03 Spectrum Embargoes

Revision: Next 12 to 18 months

The SSWG wishes to be involved in the review of Embargoes that impact FSS/MSS (if required):

- Embargoes 23 (MSS), 42 (FSS), 48 (FSS), 72 (FSS), 78 (FSS) and 79 (FSS).

Embargo 78 needs to be updated now that most of the technical framework and allocations have been made in the 3700-4000 MHz band.

If you have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact Mike Johns at Communications Alliance on 0414 898 841.

Yours sincerely,



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