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NZART Response to RSM DRAFT FIVE YEAR SPECTRUM OUTLOOK 2022–2026

On behalf of NZART, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Five Year Spectrum Outlook 2022–2026.

NZART supports the RSM five year spectrum outlook 2022-2026 and acknowledges need for the speedy deployment of new technologies and its importance for the economy.

NZART looks forward to maintaining its excellent relationship with RSM where management of the spectrum allocated to amateurs is concerned.

It is important that the 5 year plan incorporates the continued support provided in the past for the Amateur Radio Service so that a diverse range of radio interests and skills can continue to be developed and maintained within a volunteer group in the community.

It is worth noting that the maintenance of an Amateur Radio Service assists industry and the community by:

- i Introducing and developing an interest in technology, particularly radio in the young (and not so young) providing a lead into careers in these areas. At a time this industry increasingly needs new recruits.
- ii The on going service the sub group of NZART the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC). AREC assists emergency providers such as Civil Defence and NZ Land SAR.
- iii Playing a key role in the health and safety of events such as: cycle races, marathons, fun runs, traverse type events, equestrian events, car rallies etc facilitating their communications

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on your consultation document.

Regards

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