

Submission on discussion document: review of radio spectrum licence fees

Your name and organisation

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Organisation	N/A

General questions

Questions for organisations and businesses

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2	Approximately how many licences do you or your organisation hold? 1
3	Before considering changes to fees, are you planning to increase or decrease the number of licences you or your organisation hold over the next five years? If yes, please indicate the expected proportion of this change. No
4	What proportion of your licences do you expect will need to be modified in the next five years? None

Questions about the proposals in the discussion document

Options for annual licence fee changes

1	What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of option one? I feel this is great for current gurl license users. This option seems fair with a fair increase that is in line with things like inflation.
2	What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of option two? The main disadvantage is having to renew my GURL license yearly. One of the great things about the NZ GURL license is that it is a one-time fee. I have come in and out of the hobby throughout my time being licensed, and this has allowed me to do so without worrying about the increased costs of doing so. It's already an expensive hobby with

fewer and fewer people joining, and pushing to a yearly license scheme will just push more and more people to drop out of it. This will have a negative effect on participation within the AREC as well.

3 Which option do you prefer? Why?

I prefer option one as it keeps the status quo for GURL licenses

4 Is there any other option that has not been considered in this document? If yes, please explain this option in detail, including why it is preferable to option one and two.

5 What impact will the fee increase have on your business or entity?

If the second option is used, it will make it more difficult for me to be able to afford to stay in the amateur radio hobby.

6 How would fee option two impact the licensing decisions of your organisation or entity over the next five years?

Closing comments

7 Are there any other comments you wish to make?