

Please direct any questions that you have in relation to the submission process to Radio.Spectrum@mbie.govt.nz.

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

1	What sector of the economy do you or your organisation operate in? Private
2	1
3	This depends on the cost of the annual Amateur Radio licence.
4	This might be 100% depending on the cost of the annual Amateur licence.

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? Option 1 and option 2 appear to be the same for an Amateur Radio licence. Only a disadvantage due to increased costs.
2	What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of option two? Option 1 and option 2 appear to be the same for an Amateur Radio licence.

Only a disadvantage due to increased costs.

3 Which option do you prefer? Why?

Neither – as both have the same negative impact on Amateur Radio licences

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.

Yes.

There is an argument that Amateur Radio Operators should NOT be charged a licence fee at all as they provide a fall-back position in case of a nationwide emergency.

The benefit Amateur Radios can provide to NZ INC in case of a widespread NZ emergency (e.g. if other communications networks are not operational) is fully disregarded in the fee consideration paper. Would Amateur Radio Operators charge a fee if such a communications service ever be needed? Highly unlikely.

I propose that this point be given serious consideration before setting an annual Amateur Licence fee.

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

Cost is an issue especially since being retired.

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

Consideration will be given to potentially cancel the Amateur Radio Licence.

Closing comments

7 Are there any other comments you wish to make?

Please refer to Answer to Q4 above which also highlights the benefit Amateur Radio Operators offer to NZ INC. I propose that this point be recognised in the Licence fee consideration.