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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

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Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

The title, and general tone, of the Consultation, does not make it clear whether what is being considered is a complete blank-slate revision of the spectrum from 143 to 169 MHz, or only parts thereof; in particular, it is far from clear whether existing exclusive allocations - such as the Amateur band at 144-146 - are to be protected or are also "up for grabs".

Question 1:Do you agree with the proposed approach for spectrum management?:

If 144-146 is excluded from reallocation - broadly yes. If not, no.

Question 2:Do you agree with the proposed approach for Business Radio assignments?:

Provided as much attention as possible is paid to minimising band/spectrum fragmentation, the proposed approach seems reasonable.

**Question 3:Do you agree with the proposal to allocate spectrum for Maritime and/or Land Search and Rescue use?
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Yes - if anything, probably more needs to be done to protect it from high power adjacent frequency/channel use.

Question 4:Do you agree with the proposal to make some spectrum not currently assigned to other applications available on a temporary for Amateur Radio use with these restrictions?:

Broadly, yes. I feel the proposed restrictions may limit participation to only the keenest participants (and those with deep pockets!), but I see no objection to this proposal; its removal should the spectrum be needed makes for a sensible use of spectrum that might otherwise remain unused initially. Though such time-limited allocation could arguably be at least as applicable to business uses of other parts.