

Question 1:Do you agree with our proposal to exempt the land use of 406 MHz PLBs from the need to hold a Wireless Telegraphy Act licence?:

Absolutely. I have been involved in mountain rescue for many years, and in land based outdoor education for many more. PLB units are the obvious next step in mountain safety. As the abuse of mobile phones on call outs to rescue teams keeps pace with their sensible use, I strongly support rigorous registration of the units and would also support penalties for abuse.

I have a unit myself, and while I am a very experienced mountaineer, I greatly appreciate having the ability to call for help anywhere I am working. I have only today found out that land use is illegal, but in a life threatening emergency, I would take my chances with the legal system. the sooner this proposal is effected, the better for me; and for the people I am often called out to search for.

Question 2:Do you agree with our proposal to exempt the use equipment for safety-related ITS infrastructure from the need to hold a Wireless Telegraphy Act licence?:

This element does not affect me.

Question 3:Do you agree with our proposal to exempt the use of terminals operating in the 3400 to 3800 MHz band from the need to hold a Wireless Telegraphy Act licence?:

This element does not affect me.

Question 4:Do you agree with our proposals for the authorisation of 2 GHz MSS user terminals from licensing?:

I agree with the proposals. the burgeoning market in remote travel requires to be filled. It is an obvious progress and will hopefully bring down the cost of satellite phones.

Question 5:Do you agree with our proposal to exempt the use of terminals forming part of the Apollo network by a network station user exemption?:

This element does not affect me.

Question 6:Do you agree with our proposed changes to the current exemption regulations to permit use of non-specific SRDs at 138.2 to 138.45 MHz?:

This element does not affect me.