

The only part of the consultation I am interested in relates to the land use of 406MHz PLBs, so I have only responded to Question1.

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?:

Yes, I agree with your proposal.

To me, it seems very strange that these can be used in marine areas covered under the MSA, but not on land where we have some very remote / isolated regions, particularly in the Northern / Western Highlands with restricted mobile phone coverage.

As a walker, and a Scout leader, I would view the carrying of a PLB as an additional "safety barrier" for last resort use in an emergency.

Whilst I acknowledge that there may be a small increase in the amount of false alarms, I would encourage strong legal repercussions in cases where there has been clear / deliberate misuse of a PLB. I believe the benefits of their use in emergency situations outweigh any "adverse effects".

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?:

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?:

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

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?:

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?: