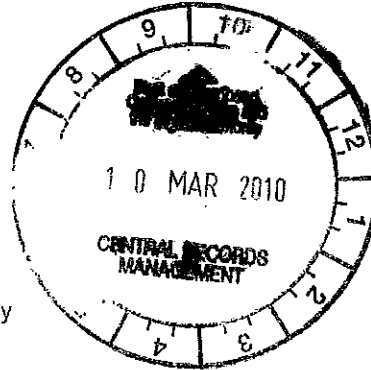


February 26th 2010

The Manager
Wireless Satellite and Digital Dividend Section
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
GPO Box 2154, Canberra ACT 2601



Re: Submission to the Digital Dividend Green Paper

Dear Sir /Madam,

We strongly wish to have input into The Digital Dividend Green Paper.

Our interest in this area is as a user of wireless audio devices including radio microphones, musical instrument wireless transmitters and in ear monitoring systems.

Handsfree mics are a part of our event management business, where all our emcees use them and they are essential to a smooth professional presentation in smaller staged productions. It would be ridiculous to disable the band on which they are used, if this is what is being considered.

This applies not only to our business, but to the local school, Clubs and thousands of other areas.

While we acknowledge the desire of Government to maximise the asset and value that is inherent within the wireless spectrum we need ensure that our interests are accommodated in any future re-stack of the wireless spectrum. In particular, as an existing user of wireless audio technology we are seeking the following outcomes from the Digital Dividend Process:


- That wireless spectrum remains available to users such as ourselves and that the available spectrum is sufficient to accommodate current and future use
- That the uncertainty surrounding the future use of these products be resolved as soon as possible.
- That there is sufficient time between the determination of future spectrum access within the 520Mhz and the proposed 694Mhz band for organizations such as our to make the necessary changes
- That our right to use these products under the Low Interference Portable Devices (LIPD) licence arrangements is acknowledged and that similar arrangements continue into the future
- That the Government recognise that there are costs associated with the change of spectrum, including the decommissioning existing equipment and its replacement with new equipment appropriate for use within the new and as yet to be determined, frequencies. *[If you are a membership organisation or association you might also wish to add that there will be costs involved in communicating and ensuring the compliance with your members]*

We understand that the Australian Wireless Audio Group (AWAG) are preparing a response to the Green Paper. As a user of the products supplied by the AWAG members we feel that AWAG are better placed to provide the kinds of detailed analysis and responses to the technical, economic and social implications being sought by the Green Paper and, in particular, with reference to questions 3.33, 3.34, 3.35, 3.36, 3.37, and 4.6.

We would therefore like to add our support to the AWAG response.

Should you wish to contact me regarding this matter you can do so on 0412 609 109 or redletter@bigpond.com

Yours faithfully,


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