

February 23<sup>th</sup> 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,

Please find following our response to 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.

*I am a freelance Sound Recordist and have been for the past 3 years. I have made a substantial investment in wireless microphones. Wireless Microphones are necessary on most video productions that I work on. Often I am the person in front of Parliament House in Canberra quickly attaching a wireless microphone to a Member of Parliament for the "Morning Show" so the politician can get their message out to Australia through this live TV broadcast. Whenever people do a "Walk and Talk" wireless microphone are needed. For OH&S safety reasons sometimes the Sound Recordist cannot be attached to the cameraman by a cable and in these instances we use small radio transmitters and receivers so the microphone sound can get to the video camera.*

*With the Global Economic downturn causing for less employment for me it would be very hard to self fund an upgrade of my Wireless Microphones.*

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.

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 [andrewhogan.sound@gmail.com](mailto:andrewhogan.sound@gmail.com) or

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Hogan  
Sound Recordist