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## **EXPLORING THE FUTURE USE OF THE 1880-1920 MHZ BAND**

### **References**

- A. Exploring the future use of the 1880-1920 MHz band: discussion paper
1. Defence appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the future use of the 1880-1920 MHz band.
  2. Defence welcomes the ACMA's initiative to move the 1880-1920 MHz band into the 'initial investigation' phase of replanning and identify the uses that best promotes the long-term public interest derived from the use of the spectrum. Defence will continue to be actively involved on further steps of the spectrum planning framework if the decision is made to progress in that direction.
  3. Defence is aware of an increasing interest from industry in accessing more apparatus-licensed spectrum for fixed and mobile wireless broadband (WBB) services. Defence supports the continuing efforts to find the most suitable solution in addressing this interest.
  4. Defence cannot single out any of proposed deployment scenarios for the 1880-1920 MHz band. However, Defence would predominantly support the scenario enabling deployment of the WBB service across the 1880-1920 MHz frequency band.
  5. Defence has no position with respect to potential geographic deployment areas for WBB services in terms of metropolitan or regional areas. Defence is required to operate across Australian territory with very specific and complex operational requirements. While the potential applications are still at the early stage of development, Defence's preference would be to gain access to the 1880-1920 MHz frequency band across Defence's training areas. Having said that Defence would not exclude the possibility of requiring access to this spectrum in other areas in the future when the Defence applications for this spectrum become more mature.

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