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Dear Martin

**RE: Regulator Performance Omnibus Bill 2022**

The Communications Alliance Satellite Services Working Group (SSWG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Australian Government's draft *Regulator Performance Omnibus Bill*, introducing proposed amendments across 17 Commonwealth Acts to lift regulator performance, capability and culture under the Deregulation Agenda.

Of particular interest to our members representing the satellite sector are the proposed amendments to Schedule 6 Part 2 of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*, including the following:

- repealing sections 33 and 136 to replace the existing bespoke consultation requirements for the making of spectrum plans and frequency band plans and for the variation of class licences (now handed under section 17 of the *Legislation Act 2003*).
- streamlining procedures relating to advisory guidelines by amending section 262 to remove the requirement for those guidelines to be provided to the Minister.
- enabling the transfer of apparatus licences without licence holders first seeking the ACMA's approval, by ensuring that the ACMA must be notified of the transfer and the Register of Radiocommunications Licences is amended (sections 131AA-AB, and §148(d) and 285(ma)).
- allowing the ACMA to limit personal information (omitting individual licensee name and the licensee postal address) on the Register for public inspection (section 152).

The SSWG, in its capacity in supporting and providing advocacy to the commercial satellite sector, would like to thank the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for inviting comments and would like to place of record that the SSWG has no objections to the proposed changes. The SSWG would like to be included in any future consultations that would be of interest to our sector.

If you have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact Mike Johns at Communications Alliance on 0414 898 841.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Stanton', written in a cursive style.

John Stanton  
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### **About Communications Alliance**

Communications Alliance is the primary telecommunications industry body in Australia. Its membership is drawn from a wide cross-section of the communications industry, including carriers, carriage and internet service providers, content providers, equipment vendors, IT companies, consultants and business groups.

Its vision is to be the most influential association in Australian communications, co-operatively initiating programs that promote sustainable industry development, innovation and growth, while generating positive outcomes for customers and society. The prime mission of Communications Alliance is to create a co-operative stakeholder environment that allows the industry to take the lead on initiatives which grow the Australian communications industry, enhance the connectivity of all Australians and foster the highest standards of business behaviour. For more details about Communications Alliance, see <http://www.commsalliance.com.au>.