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Dear Sir/Madam

## **CESA Comments: Australian Government Consultation on New Spectrum Reform**

The Consumer Electronics Suppliers Association (CESA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above Discussion Paper regarding Spectrum management Reform.

CESA is the premier national, industry body in Australia representing the consumer electronics industry. CESA Members encompass the majority of global suppliers of consumer electronic products and thus, is a key stakeholder in the ACMA regulatory arrangements for EMC, Radiocommunications, Telecommunications and EMR.

CESA has many common members with the Australian Industry Group (AiG) and often works in concert with AiG on Commonwealth regulatory issues. Rather than duplicate the sentiments and comments contained in the AiG submission of 21 July, CESA wishes to endorse and support the AiG submission.

Of particular interest to CESA are the proposed equipment regulation arrangements (Equipment Rules). We support AiG's comments and concerns regarding:

- Equipment regulation;
- the need for industry consensus based standards;
- direct adoption and referencing of international standards; and
- compliance and enforcement.

## **General Comments**

CESA endorses the broad objectives of the proposed Reforms to:

- broaden the options of the compliance and enforcement regime:
- provide greater flexibility; and
- introduce a graduated enforcement mechanism.

CESA looks forward to further consultation with the Department on the second exposure draft and is happy to clarify any of the comment above.

Yours sincerely

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## **Executive Director**