



December 6, 2011

Mr. Chris Chapman  
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Australian Communications and Media Authority  
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Australia

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On behalf of the Satellite Industry Association (SIA)<sup>1</sup>, I would like to express my support for several recent filings submitted to ACMA in response to its August 2011 consultation paper on Earth station siting. SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. Since its creation fifteen years ago, SIA has become the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. Many of our member companies provide satellite capacity, services and ground equipment to Australian-based customers.

SIA's membership strongly supports the comments filed by several satellite trade associations and companies.<sup>2</sup> In particular, we join these groups in opposing the forced relocation of existing Earth stations to satellite parks, and we echo their concern about placing new restrictions on the use of frequencies allocated for use by satellite communications companies. We share the market observation noted in the GVF filing that, "the use of the C-band, Ku-band and Ka-band frequencies for commercial satellite

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<sup>1</sup> SIA Executive Members include: Artel, Inc.; The Boeing Company; The DIRECTV Group; DBSD North America, Inc.; EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C.; Harris CapRock Communications; Hughes Network Systems, LLC; Integral Systems, Inc.; Intelsat S.A.; Iridium Communications Inc.; LightSquared; Lockheed Martin Corporation.; Loral Space & Communications, Inc.; Northrop Grumman Corporation; Rockwell Collins Government Systems; SES S.A.; and TerreStar Networks, Inc. SIA Associate Members include: Arqiva Satellite and Media; ATK Inc.; Cisco; Cobham SATCOM Land Systems; Comtech EF Data Corp.; DRS Technologies, Inc.; Eutelsat, Inc.; GE Satellite; Globecom Systems, Inc.; Glowlink Communications Technology, Inc.; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat, Inc.; Marshall Communications Corporation.; Orbital Sciences Corporation; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Segovia, Inc.; Spacecom, Ltd.; Spacenet Inc.; Stratos Global Corporation; TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.; Telesat Canada; Trace Systems, Inc.; UltiSat, and ViaSat, Inc. Additional information about SIA can be found at <http://www.sia.org>.

<sup>2</sup> In particular, we support the comments filed by the Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA), the Global VSAT Forum (GVF), Lockheed Martin – Australia (LMA), SES S.A., Intelsat S.A., and the joint comments of Inmarsat and Stratos.

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communications is expanding, and all frequencies will continue to be required for the foreseeable future.”

I and the members of SIA appreciate your consideration of this letter and the comments submitted by other parties representing the satellite industry. I can be reached via telephone at +1 202-503-1561 or e-mail at [pcooper@sia.org](mailto:pcooper@sia.org) should you or your staff seek additional information.

Very Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Cooper  
President, SIA

cc: Mr. Brett Biddington, Chair, SIAA  
Mr. David Hartshorn, Secretary General, GVF