



**Submission to the**

**Equipment Rules: Concepts and  
Design Consideration  
For Equipment Rules under the  
Exposure Draft of the  
Radiocommunications Bill 2017  
Consultation Paper**

ANRA welcomes the opportunity to comment on the issues relevant to the concepts and design considerations for equipment rules. Our comments reflect a consensus of our membership. However individual members may make their own submissions.

ANRA, the Australian Narrowcast Radio Association, is the peak industry body representing Low Power Open Narrowcast (LPON) Radio services and the High Power Open Narrowcast (HPON) Radio services located across all States and Territories of Australia. Our membership includes the major Narrowcast radio program providers such as the TAB agencies and organisations, foreign language groups, fringe music services, tourist services and religious services, as well as many other independently owned and operated services. Narrowcast Radio in Australia now accounts for ten times more licenses issued than those from the Commercial and Community sectors and is continually growing.

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*Is there equipment that should be considered exempt from the EMC regulatory arrangements under the equipment rules?*

It is the view of ANRA that broadcast transmission equipment should be exempt from this consideration as these EMC and EMR requirements are covered within the current regulations in the Technical Planning Guidelines (TPG) and will be expected to be covered in any successor guidelines. ANRA therefore feels that this would be an unnecessary duplication.

We would hope there will be further opportunities for consultation prior to a final draft of the Equipment Rules: Concepts and Design Consideration for Equipment Rules under the Exposure Draft of the Radiocommunications Bill 2017 Consultation Paper being released.

ANRA thanks the ACMA for the opportunity to comment on the consultation process and looks forward to continuing and positive discussions.