

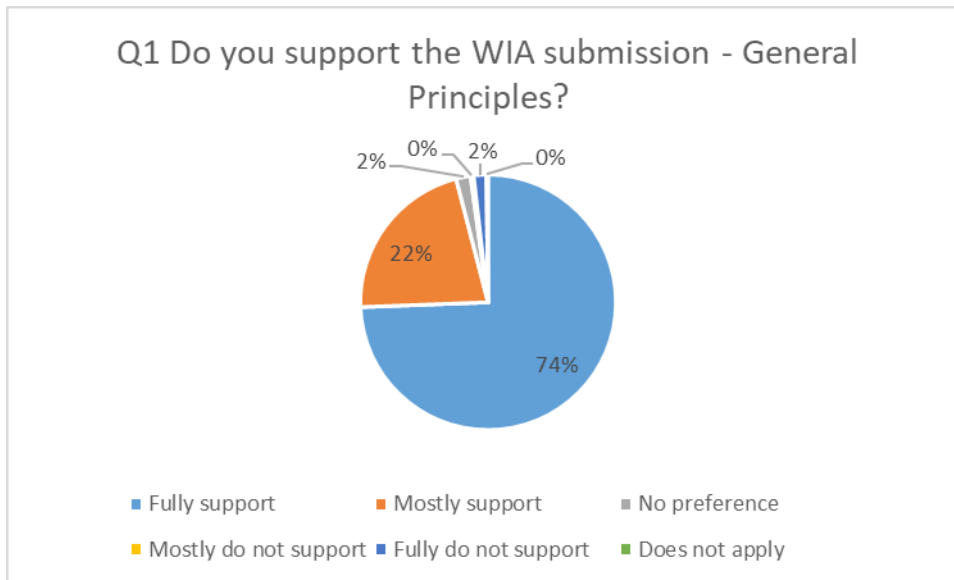
Survey Results - Final Draft of Licence Conditions Determination

Summary:

- Survey open for a fortnight
- Total survey respondents: 501 (3.5% of licenced amateurs in VK)
- Support for General Principles – 96%
- Support for Foundation Licence Conditions change – 83%
- Support for Standard Licence Conditions change – 88%
- Support for Advanced Licence Conditions change – 95%
- Main respondent group from Advanced licenced amateur - 74%
- Good representation and correlation with licence numbers in all call areas

Q1 Do you support the WIA submission - General Principles?

N=496	Fully support	Mostly support	No preference	Mostly do not support	Fully do not support	Does not apply
No.	369	107	9	2	8	1
%	74%	22%	2%	0%	2%	0%



228 comments – Online summarisation application (<https://smmry.com/>) utilised to summarise the comments.

Summary Below:

- ACMA's potential plans to turn amateur radio qualifications into study and training courses equivalent to professional certificate 3 degrees runs entirely counter to the spirit of amateur radio and it is not difficult to imagine that if it costs hundreds or even over a thousand dollars to obtain a certificate of proficiency ham radio in Australia will experience a drought of new members hitherto unseen.
- To attract new amateurs who have access to very advanced technology in phones and the like we need to make amateur radio as attractive as we can to new comers to the hobby.

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- Agree with the recommendations, especially increase in permitted power levels I think that the submissions as outlined in the five papers if adopted by the ACMA will not only be a great benefit to us amateurs in the hobby with new frequency bands etc but more importantly, make it more attractive for those wishing to come into the hobby of amateur radio at the Foundation or Standard levels with increased power, bands, emission modes etc.
- The WIA submission to the ACMA about changing amateur radio conditions is very comprehensive and covers the main issues that most active advanced and standard grade radio amateurs think are in need of modernisation/change.
- As stated we are well behind the rest of the world with power output, I have not found the proposed levels but F calls should have 100 watts and full calls 1.5 KW. I believe the position put by the WIA does reflect the views of most amateurs and will provide a positive framework to encourage more citizens to join the ranks of radio amateurs.
- Amateur radio current conditions should be upheld and increased as technology changes and opportunity to improve the chances to bring in younger people into the world of amateur radio.
- Each of the principles put forward by the WIA serve to recognise the inherent professionalism and knowledge of Amateur Radio Operators, and as such, support not only existing capabilities, but also to justifiably expand some capabilities to match changing technologies, world communications standards, and the level of expertise Amateur Radio Operators possess.

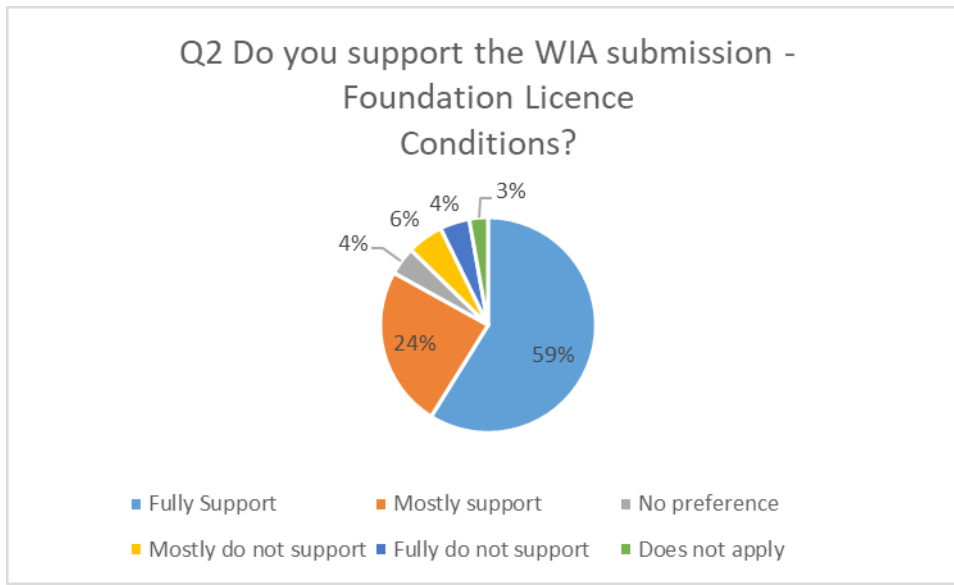
WIA Recommendation:

With 96% of respondents and most of the comments supporting the draft of the General Principles submission – the submission be finalised and sent to the ACMA.

Q2 Do you support the WIA submission - Foundation Licence

Conditions?

N=496	Fully Support	Mostly support	No preference	Mostly do not support	Fully do not support	Does not apply
No.	292	120	21	27	22	14
%	59%	24%	4%	5%	4%	3%



256 comments – Online summarisation application (<https://smmry.com/>) utilised to summarise the comments.

Summary Below:

- Digital modes – yes, bandwidths - in general, more frequency bands, No Increase Output power - Yes Allow DIY transmitters - No not to give too many bands still to have something to upgrade to. Because the foundation Licence as it currently exists leaves the holder at a disadvantage and with the hobby changing as an example digital modes, in all honesty, we all live in the age of digital I can a do more with my DIGITAL mobile phone! so let's get on with letting foundation hams experience more of this wonderful hobby.
- If the Foundation call signs are changed to 6-characters, how will they be identified as a Foundation station? Not in favor of more bands as this reduces the incentive for upgrade time for change. Don't agree that F call should be given any more bands that presently offered.
- Foundation licences have been the "Poor relations" until now It is a good idea to allow Foundations building some gear but still encouraged to up grade as an Advanced Licensee I am not aware of Foundation Licence Conditions Yes I do however I think its to simple and needs to have more of a technical input so that users have a greater understanding of the principles of radio communications which is rapidly changing at an alarming rate worldwide ! This change is long overdue - most newcomers to the hobby start with a foundation licence training and assessment and are IT aware.

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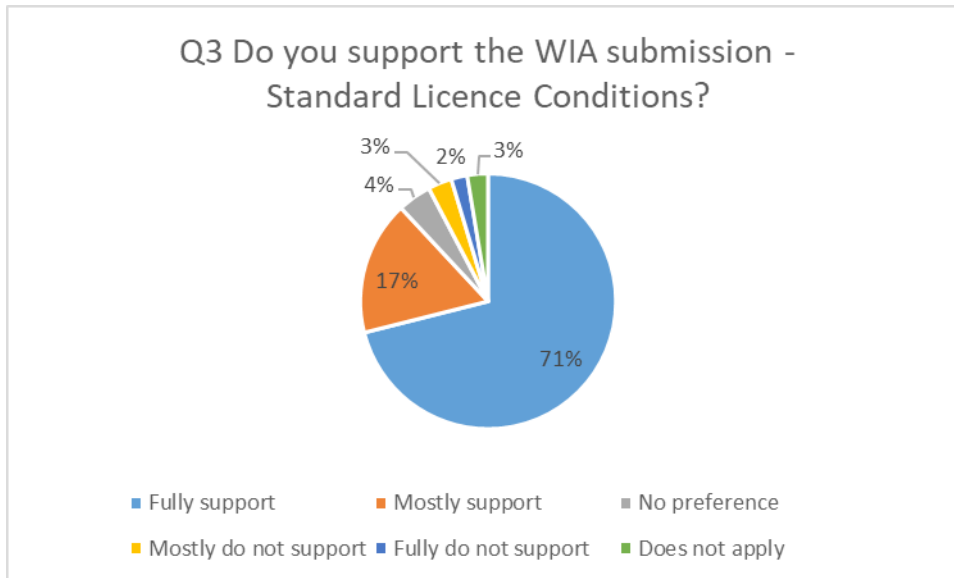
- With the advent of many new, especially digital, modes, it is imperative that the Foundation licence be updated to allow Foundation licensees to get the most out of the hobby.
- Restricting bands to their current allocations will provide this incentive to many foundation licence holders to upgrade who might otherwise stagnate at the foundation level and possible loose interest in the amateur service.
- Have no practical knowledge of issues facing Foundation licensees There has to be an incentive to upgrade, which means more self education or training by others.
- Foundation Licensees should be encouraged to study for higher grades of licenses I think digital modes for foundations license holders would be good. The 10 watt pep is too restrictive in poor band conditions.

WIA Recommendation:

With 83% of respondents and most of the comments supporting the draft of the Foundation Licence submission – the submission be finalised and sent to the ACMA.

Q3 Do you support the WIA submission - Standard Licence Conditions?

N=496	Fully support	Mostly support	No preference	Mostly do not support	Fully do not support	Does not apply
No.	351	84	21	15	10	13
%	71%	17%	4%	3%	2%	3%



198 comments – Online summarisation application (<https://smmry.com/>) utilised to summarise the comments.

Summary Below:

- Having upgraded from foundation to standard and still not be able to use 30 metres , 50-52mhz is disappointing it's like a carrot dangled in front of you but the money and extra privilege of Advanced licence I don't believe is worth it Access to more bands will increase usage of under-utilised bands eg 6m I am not in favour of relaxation of the permitted bandwidths.
- Standard licensees should be given access to more frequency bands.
- There is no reason to withhold bands and reasonable transmitting power from Standard Licensees.
- Allowing Standard licence holders, access to more bands again opens up the ability of more operators on air at any time of the day/night, as propagation varies, and currently, some of the bands that are limited to Advanced Operators only are very poorly attended by local operators.
- As a standard Call holder it has been extremely limited for hf operation due to limited hf band access and low power.
- Has anyone looked at how many Standard stations were only qualified as " Novice Limited", and now enjoy all of the Standard conditions.

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- Do not think Standard License should be given access to more bands, modes etc. This will encourage foundation to upgrade and keep the standard license holders interested in the hobby An increase in pep to 200 watts is reasonable.

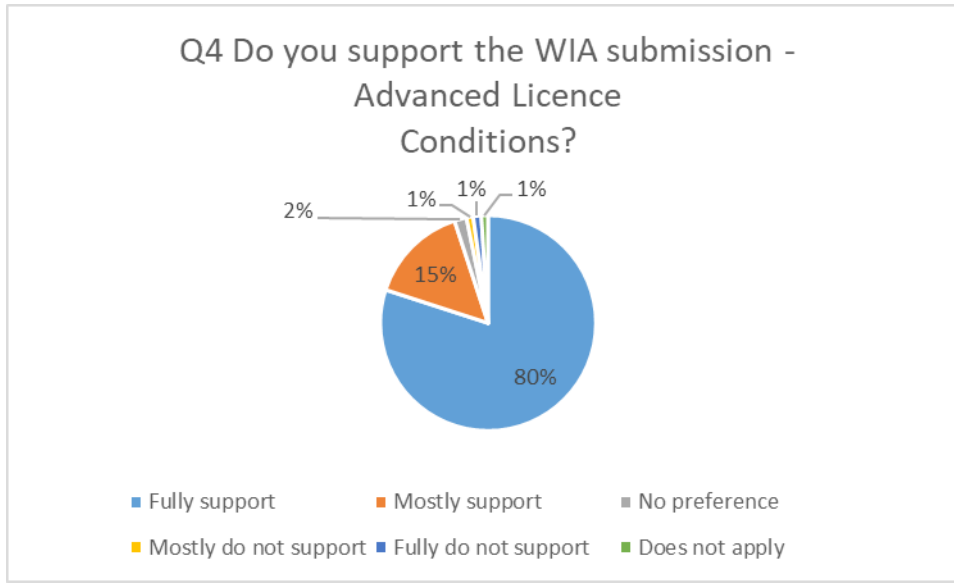
WIA Recommendation:

With 88% of respondents and most of the comments supporting the draft of the Standard Licence submission – the submission be finalised and sent to the ACMA.

Q4 Do you support the WIA submission - Advanced Licence

Conditions?

N=495	Fully support	Mostly support	No preference	Mostly do not support	Fully do not support	Does not apply
No.	396	74	9	5	6	5
%	80%	15%	2%	1%	1%	1%



221 comments -- Online summarisation application (<https://smmry.com/>) utilised to summarise the comments.

Summary Below:

- Again, power at 1.5kw/400 being an advanced licence I support the changes even though I will never use the new power level it will be good for the ones who can, the other changes are good too.
- Regarding power levels, Australia is one of the least densely populated countries with huge expanses - however we have one of the greatest power level constraints in the world.
- The only aspect I don't agree with is the uplift in permitted power output to 1500W pX. As can be seen in the US, having access to such power levels creates a situation where one's ability to operate becomes a bit of an arms race.
- See my comments about the F and S calls on power outputs - more effort needed! 1500 watts is a sensible power and there is no evidence that this power level cause anymore interference.
- One of the key aspirations of many young amateur operators! Would like to see more power available more power only after showing EMR compliance From my point of view the 1500 watt power level seems a little arbitrary.

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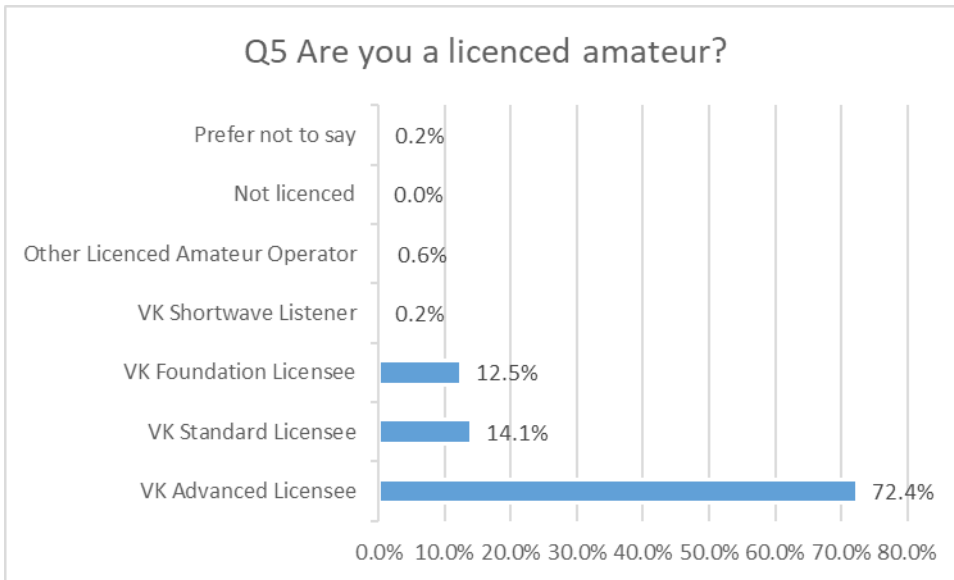
- If the power is increased above 400 watts P_x, the station should be verified by some agreed means before higher power is permitted.
- Again very well thought out I am concerned that the introduction of higher power limits will result in a new pseudo class requiring more certification before we could be permitted to use the higher power levels.

WIA Recommendation:

With 95% of respondents and most of the comments supporting the draft of the Advanced Licence submission – the submission be finalised and sent to the ACMA.

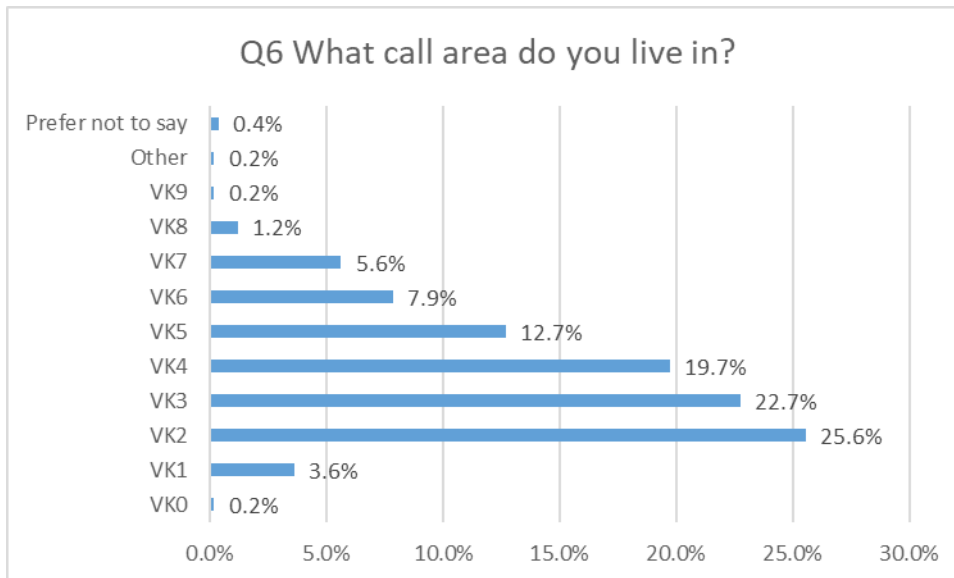
Q5 Are you a licenced amateur?

VK Advanced Licensee	72.4%	360
VK Standard Licensee	14.1%	70
VK Foundation Licensee	12.5%	62
VK Shortwave Listener	0.2%	1
Other Licenced Amateur Operator	0.6%	3
Not licenced	0.0%	0
Prefer not to say	0.2%	1
	N=	497



Q6 What call area do you live in?

	Response Percent	Responses	VK Licence Distribution Percent	VK Licence Distribution Count
VK0	0.2%	1	0.1%	9
VK1	3.6%	18	2.7%	417
VK2	25.6%	127	27.4%	4167
VK3	22.7%	113	27.2%	4128
VK4	19.7%	98	18.7%	2846
VK5	12.7%	63	9.4%	1429
VK6	7.9%	39	9.2%	1392
VK7	5.6%	28	4.1%	621
VK8	1.2%	6	1.0%	145
VK9	0.2%	1	0.3%	43
Other	0.2%	1		
Prefer not to say	0.4%	2		
		N=497	N=15,197	



Q7 If you would like to be informed about the submission then please provide your email address

- 382 people left their email addresses.