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### **Re: AMC Radio Amateur Examinations & WIA Intellectual Property**

Dear Mr Crees-Morris,

The Wireless Institute of Australia as the prior Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) delegated provider of Radio Amateur Examination services (2005-2019) developed substantial intellectual property during the course of the “deed” especially the question banks for the various licences.

As the sole “peak body” for Australian Radio Amateurs - as recognised by the International Amateur Radio Union which reports to the International Telecommunications Union - the WIA is concerned in regard to the delays in re-establishment of the “deed” examination services.

The WIA is also concerned by false and misleading statements published by Radio Amateur Society of Australia (RASA), an organisation of which your two “advisors” are office holders, in regard to the WIA and WIA IP. Quoting from the RASA website (Rasaorg 14/03/2019): *“The WIA has also refused to hand over intellectual property over which it claims ownership, namely the more recent licence exam questions, including the Foundation Licence question database. Given the WIA has no use for such IP, and given it has publicly announced its support and cooperation with the AMC, why would they now take a path of obstruction?”*  
Reference: <http://vkradioamateurs.org/changes-to-amateur-radio-exams-we-all-need-to-support-amc/>

The WIA has never “refused to handover intellectual property” nor has it taken “a path of obstruction” and demands a formal public apology from the AMC and your “advisors” as office holding representatives of RASA. As to “claims ownership” - it is noted that the WIA ownership of this IP is agreed formally by the ACMA.

The WIA reached out to you as soon as we were formally advised that AMC was the newly selected provider for ACMA and offered our assistance, for the benefit of the Radio Amateur hobby overall. The facts are that the WIA has both offered to assist AMC and also to discuss the expeditious use of the WIA IP by AMC - but to no avail todate.

I made initial contact and met with you onsite on 30 January 2019. I followed up with you via phone on 19 February 2019 and email on 28 February 2019 in relation to facilitating a discussion on utilising WIA Intellectual Property.

The WIA Education Group reached out to you on 4 March 2019 with concerns from WIA Assessors and we were told to come back later.

Considering we have not heard from you either positively or negatively - we are making formal contact again to ascertain if the AMC is interested in discussing the application of WIA IP to expedite the provision of examinations and minimising the current no-service impact to the amateur radio cohort.

We must also assume that the AMC is not interested in using WIA communications channels, which includes our membership, affiliated clubs and a weekly Australia-wide broadcast as outlined in the WIA email of 19 February 2019. We have only seen a pricing communication from you. Please also let us know if this is not the case - as not utilising these channels appears to be counter-productive.

The WIA has acted in good faith and expects AMC to do likewise. The WIA also hopes to avoid the potential for inadvertent use of WIA IP by AMC.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Giles-Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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