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This letter is to advise you of a change to the deadline for the phase-out of 25 kHz Land Mobile Radio (LMR) channels in the F and TS bands.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (and its predecessors) have been encouraging the phase-out of 25 kHz channels in LMR bands since 1992. We have been doing this to promote more efficient use of LMR bands, reduce congestion, and align New Zealand with international practice.

A phase-out deadline of 1 November 2015 was set in 2009. It was set following a consultation process where industry supported a firm deadline. Licensees were first informed of the phase-out deadline by letter in November 2010.

We have recently reviewed the deadline for the phase-out and have decided to extend it to **31 December 2019** for all LMR licences operating in frequencies **above 470 MHz** (that is, **F band and TS band**). This is because the current level of congestion in the F and TS bands is not significant relative to the cost of transition for users of the bands.

The current deadline of 1 November 2015 still applies to 25 kHz LMR licences operating in frequencies below 470 MHz (E, C and D bands). On 1 November 2015, all 25 kHz LMR licences operating in frequencies below 470 MHz will be revoked (except for licences used for SCADA and Data services in C and D band).

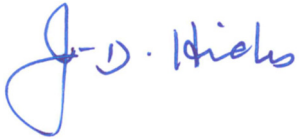
According to our records, a number of your licences are affected by the deadline extension. A document that details which of your licences need to transition by 31 December 2019 is enclosed with this letter.

If your organisation also holds 25 kHz LMR licences that need to transition by 1 November 2015, you will receive another letter reminding you of the upcoming deadline.



If you have any questions regarding the phase-out of 25 kHz channels, please contact us on either 0508 RSM INFO or email info@rsm.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

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