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Manager, Spectrum Policy
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Consultation on draft Direction to use 3.5 GHz band spectrum for the NBN spectrum gap

NBN Co welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the draft Direction to use 3.5 GHz band spectrum for the NBN spectrum gap.

The NBN Co Fixed Wireless and Satellite review recommended NBN Co work closely with the ACMA on options to secure sufficient spectrum. The ACMA identified that area-wide apparatus licences within the 3.5 GHz frequency band (3400 – 3600 MHz) may be suitable.

NBN Co understands that the Direction, if enacted, would allow NBN Co to apply to the ACMA for apparatus licences in the 3.5 GHz band, suitable for the purposes of the NBN, no later than 30 April 2015.

NBN Co supports the proposed Direction, as access to suitable spectrum will enable it to proceed with planning and deploying NBN fixed wireless services in these areas.

Yours sincerely

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