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Dear WICEN Members,

As you all know, the WIA have announced a programme with the tentative name of "RAVEN" to make Amateur Radio resources available to the Emergency Services.

In the week since this was announced, the WICEN (Vic.) Inc. Committee of Management have been communicating by phone and email regarding what action if any we should take in response to this announcement. The consensus seems to be that we can only attempt to obtain more details of the WIA's intentions with regard to establishing RAVEN in Victoria.

Accordingly, this evening I have had telephone conversations with WIA Directors Peter Young and Michael Owen. Peter and Michael both assure me that the WIA's focus at this time is purely on the training and accreditation of operators. Michael also let me know that an announcement clarifying the situation may be made tomorrow (Monday)

I should point out that this issue is not connected to the resolutions taken at the Special General Meeting of WICEN last year. Those resolutions concerned our ties to the WIA Victorian Division, now trading as Amateur Radio Victoria, not the National WIA. WICEN's only connection with the National WIA is as an "affiliated club", and the fact that a large proportion of WICEN members are also WIA members.

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Regards,

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