

## **Meeting between WICEN(Vic) and WIA Vic Div (ARV) – 26 July 2011**

### **Request from WICEN (Vic) to WIA Vic Div (ARV) to agree to a change to WICEN's rules**

**Attendance**    **ARV**    Barry Robinson (Pres.), Peter Mill (V. Pres.) & Jim Linton (Imm. Past Pres.)

**WICEN**        Mark Dods(Sec.) & John Brown

**Observer**       Paul Engler (ARV nominee WICEN CoM )

### **MAIN STICKING POINTS**

- ARV regards the current rules as a safeguard to maintain the status of WICEN's listing as an emergency response unit under the emergency response plan. They point out that without the current provisions, it would be possible for a group of WICEN members to take control of WICEN and change the aims and objectives of WICEN to the extent that WICEN's listing as an emergency response unit could be jeopardised/ withdrawn.
  
- ARV believes that their ability to use the WICEN name when entering into contracts for repeater site leases, and the use of the WICEN name in grant applications is justified by the existing 'management control' clauses in WICEN's rules. ARV are concerned about the legal implications surrounding current and future contractual arrangements should they agree to the requested changes to WICEN's rules. WICEN's offer to provide a Memo of Understanding regarding the use of WICEN's name in contractual arrangements was not accepted by ARV as being a 'strong' enough protection for ARV – their concern was that the MoU could be withdrawn at any time by WICEN.

### **OUTCOMES**

- WICEN agreed that maintaining the status of WICEN as an emergency response unit under the emergency response plan was paramount.
- WICEN also understood ARV's concern to have 'bullet-proof' protection for the use of WICEN's name in current and future contractual arrangements
- WICEN understands that if the above matter can be resolved to ARV's satisfaction, ARV will agree to the proposed rules changes

### **ACTION**

- ARV representatives will report to the ARV Council at their next meeting (possibly Tuesday 23 August).

- Subject to Council agreement, they will consult with ARV's legal advisors to see how the above concerns might be satisfactorily protected should they agree to the requested changes to WICEN's rules. This might be achieved through an enduring contract between ARV and WICEN or possibly by inclusion of appropriate new clauses in WICEN's rules
- ARV will keep WICEN informed of the progress with this matter