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Subject: WICEN Vic: Update on discussions with ARV and WIA
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WICEN Members,

This email is to bring you up-to-date regarding the ongoing discussions with Amateur Radio Victoria about changes to our Rules of Association, and with the Wireless Institute of Australia regarding Amateur Radio Operators being used in Victorian emergencies.

On July 26th representatives of WICEN and ARV met to discuss the proposed changes to WICEN's Rules of Association. In preparation for the meeting WICEN produced a document outlining the background to the proposed changes, and a series of likely questions and answers. After the meeting, WICEN produced a summary of the meeting and submitted it to ARV for approval to ensure we were not misrepresenting ARV's position. ARV have agreed that "the attached document drafted by John Brown is a true record of our meeting."

All the documents associated with the meeting are available on the WICEN website at:

http://www.vic.wicen.org.au/?page_id=99

Barry Robinson VK3PV also said in his email approving the summary document, "This will be discussed at our next Amateur Radio Victoria council meeting. Peter Mill will be talking to our Legal person to discuss this to see what he recommends. You will be informed of the outcome."

Rather than paraphrasing the summary document which would risk misrepresenting ARV's position, I suggest you read the document on the website for further details.

On August 4th a submission entitled "Improving the utilisation of Amateur Radio Service communications services for Victorian emergency response and recovery" was sent to the WIA Director coordinating the WIA's Emergency Communications Scheme; Phil Wait VK2ASD. Copies were also sent to the WIA President; Michael Owen VK3KI and to Peter Young VK3MV who is both a WIA Director and a member of WICEN.

Phil Wait has acknowledged receipt of the document saying, "I have forwarded the submission to the WIA Diectors and also to TrainSafe."

A copy of the submission is available on the WICEN CoM News web page at:

http://www.vic.wicen.org.au/?page_id=99

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Regards,

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