

MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



40 MHz POLICY

MOP047

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1. INTRODUCTION

The MAAA requires that any user of frequencies in the 40 MHz band complies with the requirements of the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) and the relevant Class licence, Radio communications (Low Interference Potential Devices) Class Licence 2000. This is available from the ACA and is posted on their web site <http://www.aca.gov.au/>.

This frequency band is available for users other than those of model aircraft.

2. REQUIREMENTS

The MAAA policy is that only the frequencies that have been used by model aircraft for many years will continue to be approved for use by model aircraft to avoid increasing the possibility of interference.

The only approved frequencies are

Channel No	Tx Frequency
50	40.665 MHz
51	40.675
52	40.685
53	40.695

3. GUIDANCE

The users of the approved 40 MHz frequencies should be aware that these frequencies are not specifically for model use. Others uses are known to be mine safety equipment and other commercially available equipment. In particular 40.675 and 40.685 are known to be subject to interference from paging systems

4. INTERFERENCE

The users of any model radio control equipment should be aware that interference is possible from both licensed and unlicensed users. They should therefore take care and if there is any suspicion that interference may be present the situation should be investigated before flying a model aircraft.

If, after investigation, suspicion that interference is still present then the frequency should not be used for the operation of model aircraft. If confirmed then the Club should clearly identify that the frequency(s) should not be used in future.