

<p style="text-align: center;">Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)</p>

Portfolio or Agency mission/charter

The vision of DBCDE is that Australia will continue to develop dynamic and world-class communications and information technology sectors.

The Department builds on the underlying opportunities provided by new technology to enrich the economic, social and cultural well-being of all Australians.

In support of this vision DBCDE provides strategic advice and professional support to the Australian Government on a wide range of policy areas including:

- Broadcasting and online regulation;
- Information and communications technology;
- Intellectual property; and
- Telecommunications.

Key objective/s with respect to space-related activity

DBCDE works to achieve the following outcomes that may have an impact on space-related activities:

- Competitive and efficient communications and information technology industries and services, and improved access to Government information; and
- Australians valuing science and technology's contribution to our cultural and economic prosperity.

Current space-related activities/responsibilities:

DBCDE provides policy advice to Government concerning radiofrequency spectrum access and management, broadcasting services and telecommunication services.

DBCDE also participates in the Australian Government Space Forum.

Publicly available information on portfolio/agency budgets and expenditure on space-related activity

No specific funding is provided for space-related activities in the Department's budget.

Legislation administered by portfolio/agency

The more significant legislation administered by DBCDE includes:

- *Radiocommunications Act 1992*
- *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*
- *Telecommunications Act 1997*

International space-related agreements

Australia is a signatory to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Constitution and Convention. The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) takes a lead role in fulfilling Australia's responsibilities under this treaty.

The ITU convenes the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC). The WRC provides the mechanism for international agreement governing the use of the radiofrequency spectrum for telecommunications and radiocommunications services, including satellite services.

ACMA, in consultation with DBCDE and industry, monitors developments within the WRC and facilitates discussion and development of proposed Australian positions to be presented to the WRC. The most recent WRC was held in Geneva over October and November 2007, with the next WRC scheduled for 2011.

Portfolio/Agency involvement in other space-related agreement/arrangements:

See also the information above under "International space-related agreements" and the information contained in the ACMA profile.

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Note: the Department works closely with ACMA concerning spectrum management issues, including space-related activities. Additional detailed information on space-related activities is available from the ACMA website at www.acma.gov.au.

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