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Tēnā koe Jonathan Brewer

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*PIB 39 "requirements for certifying spectrum licences in Crown management rights" was updated to include rules for the 3.5 GHz Managed Spectrum Park in April 2023. A notice of update was sent via email on the 18th of April to a general RSM mailing list from [info@comms.rsm.govt.nz](mailto:info@comms.rsm.govt.nz). The version of PIB 39 published on the 18th of April was "Issue 8.2 | April 2023".*

*PIB 39 was updated to a new version "Issue 8.3 | May 2023".*

*How was the release of the updated version of PIB 39 communicated? If it was communicated via [info@comms.rsm.govt.nz](mailto:info@comms.rsm.govt.nz) please provide a copy of the notice. If it was individually communicated to Approved Persons, please provide a list of Approved Persons who received notice of the updated document, the dates on which they were informed, and the method in which they were informed (verbally, via email, fax, etc.).*

The notice of the latest update to PIB 39 was included in the Radio Spectrum Management Business Update for July 2023, which was recently published on 3 July 2023: <https://www.rsm.govt.nz/about/news-and-updates/radio-spectrum-business-update-july-2023/>. Additionally, this update was also sent out via the [info@comms.rsm.govt.nz](mailto:info@comms.rsm.govt.nz) mailing list on the same day. A copy of this update is attached to this response.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [OIA@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mbie.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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# RADIO SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT



## Business Update – July 2023

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### Call for expressions of interest in FM sound broadcasting licence

Applications have been received for the following FM sound broadcasting spectrum licences:

- Otahoua (Masterton District) 103.9 MHz, licence ID 404313, reserve price: \$16,379 incl. GST
- Kaikōura Peninsula (Kaikōura District) 98.7 MHz, licence ID 404049, reserve price: \$1,761 incl. GST

Radio Spectrum Management is seeking expressions of interest in these commercial FM licences, closing 5pm on 1 August 2023. Interested parties should email the Crown Spectrum Asset Manager via the address below.

[crowspectrum@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:crowspectrum@mbie.govt.nz)

Following this, decisions will be made to determine if the licence can be allocated by direct sale or by a competitive allocation process.

[Read more about the expressions of interest process](#)

Exclusive Rights Assigned in 3.30 – 3.34 GHz for  
Regional Broadband

As a part of Radio Spectrum Management's assignment of 3.3 – 3.4 GHz for regional and private networks, we have made available two 20 MHz channels (between 3.30-3.32 GHz and 3.32-3.34 GHz) for non-national / regional broadband.

The auction for exclusive rights in 3.30 – 3.34 GHz has now closed. Licences are now being placed by those who hold these exclusive rights. Following the initial 6-month exclusive rights period, the two channels will be available to any eligible users on a first-in first-served basis.

More information on this spectrum including fees and technical rules can be found below.

[Regional Broadband Licences](#) – Radio Spectrum Management

Please note that there is no compulsory frame structure and that LTE equipment use is anticipated in this frequency range.

An update to the License Authorisations in Section 4.8 (Regional Broadband in 3.3 GHz) of PIB 39 has been made.

[Spectrum Licence Certification Rules for Crown Management Rights \(PIB 39\)](#)

## RSM attends Comms Connect in Christchurch

The Radio Spectrum Management (RSM) team recently attended the Comms Connect Conference held in Christchurch on 13 June 2023.

Commsconnect is a fantastic platform for RSM to provide updates on the various upcoming projects and their timelines. Attendees gained valuable insights into the future plans of RSM, allowing them to align their own strategies accordingly.

Furthermore, RSM took the opportunity to inform industry professionals about the latest developments surrounding the new Register for Radio Frequencies (RRF). We reassured attendees that their concerns were being taken seriously and that efforts were underway to resolve any issues related to the new RRF

It's a great opportunity to catch up face to face with many of our licence holders and industry professionals. Such open dialogues help foster collaboration and ensures that all stakeholders are on the same page.



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