



## REACTIVE STATEMENT

The peak national body representing Australia’s mobile telecommunications industry, the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA), has welcomed the release by the Australian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) of a revised EME safety standard called **Radiation Protection Series – S1**. (Standard for Limiting Exposure to Radiofrequency Fields – 100 KHz to 300 GHz) ([Radiation Protection Series S-1 \(Rev. 1\) | ARPANSA](#))

The standard builds on the publication last year of new EME safety guidelines from the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) to ensure the adoption of the latest science based standards and reinforcing the safety of all generations of mobile technology.

### **AMTA CEO, Chris Althaus, said:**

“AMTA, on behalf of the Australian mobile telecommunications industry, welcomes the Australian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Agency’s latest edition of the electromagnetic energy (EME) standards.

“The new standard closely follows the guidelines from the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) published in March 2020 – and which confirmed that, after an additional 20 years of research, the limits remain protective of all people – including children, adolescents and pregnant women – against all established health risks.

“The standard applies to all technologies and frequencies of operation, including 5G.

“AMTA is reassured that ARPANSA will continue to update its standards to remain abreast of the latest developments in science, assisted by the Federal government’s \$9 million investment into building public confidence in the safety of telecommunications infrastructure over the next four years.

“We are advised that the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) will now implement the new ARPANSA standard to ensure that it applies to all mobile telecommunications facilities and devices.”

**-Ends-**

**For further information or to arrange an interview with Chris Althaus, CEO of AMTA, please contact:**

Olivia Dovellos // Illuminate Communications  
0420 686 233 // [olivia.dovellos@illuminatecomms.com.au](mailto:olivia.dovellos@illuminatecomms.com.au)

### **About AMTA:**

The Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA) is the peak national body representing Australia’s mobile telecommunications industry. It aims to promote an environmentally, socially and economically responsible, successful and sustainable mobile telecommunications industry in Australia. Please see [www.amta.org.au](http://www.amta.org.au)