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Control of Weapons Act 1990

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR – PROHIBITED WEAPON EXEMPTION – ANTENNA LAUNCHER

Order in Council

The Governor in Council under section 8B of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** orders that –
Commencement

This Order comes into operation on the day it is published in the Government Gazette.

Definitions

In this Order –

amateur radio operator means a person authorised to operate a radiocommunications device under the **Radiocommunications Act 1992** of the Commonwealth in relation to an amateur licence made under that Act;

antenna launcher means a prohibited weapon prescribed in item 16, 17 or 19 of Schedule 2 to the Control of Weapons Regulations 2021 that is –

- (a) designed for or adapted to erect radio equipment including a cable, line or antenna; and
- (b) manufactured and intended for commercial distribution.

Exemption

A person listed in Column 1 of the Table is exempt from sections 5(1), 5(1AB), 5(1A) and 5AA of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** as the section applies to an activity listed in Column 2 of the Table in relation to an item listed in Column 3 of the Table, for the purpose listed in Column 4 of the Table.

Column 1 Person	Column 2 Activity	Column 3 Item	Column 4 Purpose
Amateur radio operator	Bring into Victoria. Cause to be brought into or sent into Victoria. Purchase. Possess, use or carry. Possess, use or carry in licensed premises or in a public place that is in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises.	Antenna launcher	Erecting radio equipment including launching a cable, line or antenna.

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Column 1 Person	Column 2 Activity	Column 3 Item	Column 4 Purpose
A person assisting an amateur radio operator	Possess, use or carry. Possess, use or carry in licensed premises or in a public place that is in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises.	Antenna launcher	Assisting an amateur radio operator to erect radio equipment including launching a cable, line or antenna.

Condition

Storage Requirements

It is a condition of this exemption that when an antenna launcher is not in use for the purpose listed in Column 4, an amateur radio operator must ensure that the antenna launcher is –

- (a) carried and securely stored in a manner calculated to ensure that the prohibited weapon is not readily accessible to a person without an exemption under section 8B or an approval under section 8C of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990**; and
- (b) concealed from plain sight.

Revocation

The exemption in paragraph 3 of the Order made under section 31A(2) of the **Firearms and Other Weapons Act 1958** dated 19 December 1989 and published on page 1038 of the Government Gazette No. G 14 on 4 April 1990 relating to amateur radio operators is **revoked**.

Dated: 18 April 2023

Responsible Minister:

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Minister for Police

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Clerk of the Executive Council

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