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Hello Julie.

I'm not sure how aware you are of the switch over of the old radio microphone frequencies to use for the Telco's mobile phone data usage at the end of this year. But it seems to me there is an elephant in the room regarding this situation.

As we get closer to the end of the road for our old radio mic's, I'm actually very interested to hear what the government and the Telco's actually think we are going to do with all this gear that we paid a lot of money for only five years ago.

Are we going to just place it in the nearest waste receptacle (preferably for recycling) or just let it gather dust in the warehouse?

As I see it there are other options that inevitably will happen. People will continue to use this gear weather they know about the frequency issue or not.

It may be there is an element of risk involved in this action. But if the systems continue to work, some will get used. Potentially some owners may even unscrupulously sell these systems to unknowing buyers.

Either way the temptation to use this gear that was purchased in good faith and that had included in its original purchase price taxation dollars that the government profited from including GST and import duties is very high.

And me... well I cant risk a failure at a high profile show so I have other gear I will use in these situations, but I will continue to use my old gear where the risk seems lower and the distance between transmitter and receiver is low also, or where a cable mic can easily be substituted quickly if there is a problem.

To me the risk of actually being caught by the radio mic detector squadron is next to zero. Plus they are likely to issue warning notices especially at first. This is all the more true since more than half the users (my estimation) don't even know they are in the wrong. These enforcements will inevitably be unpopular and will seem petty (Imagine your day in court along side rapists, murderers and drug dealers, as an illegal radio mic user. Whoa! Bad boy!)

I would be very interested to know what the dollar value of this old gear is for individual users. For me that's around \$8000 worth of gear that I would normally continue to use for another five years.

How many others are in far deeper that me?

Am I being a rebel without a cause?

I'm interested in your thoughts on this.

Regards

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