

National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)

The National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) is grateful for the opportunity to provide comment on the issues statement for the MIR into mobile radio network for the police and emergency Services following its publication on 13th December 2021. Having considered the document, the NFCC believes that the CMA has captured the relevant issues in relation to our concerns and, that as laid out, these should be within the scope of the investigation.

The NFCC is open minded as to any potential remedies as suggested within the statement, a combination of the remedies, or alternative proposals, subject to any change from the current position taking into account the four criteria below. Any remedy:

- must not detrimentally affect the continuity of service, levels of service, security and resilience of the current mission critical Airwave and future ESN systems
- must not pose additional risk to communities and responders or additional operational risk to responding agencies
- must not negatively impact the timeline for implementing ESN in its entirety, i.e. completion of transition onto ESN and off Airwave for the three emergency services
- must offer the greatest overall value to the public purse.