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## **Management of the Radio Spectrum in Ireland – New Strategy Paper**

Etain Doyle, Telecoms Regulator, today (2nd May 2002) published a paper focusing on the Strategic Management of the Radio Spectrum in Ireland. This publication follows on from the Spectrum Review Consultation, the response to the Consultation and comments received on a draft Spectrum Strategy that was published in October 2001.

According to the Regulator " As the Irish economy and population expanded in the 1990s we became ever more conscious of the infrastructural deficits - in roads, in waste management, in electricity and in telecommunications, amongst others - and major efforts are underway or planned to respond to these needs. The management of radio spectrum has an important role to play in developing the national communications infrastructure. Radio access has a role to play in increasing competition in the market and ensure the best in terms of choice, price and quality is offered to consumers".

The paper presents the framework within which radio spectrum can be used, outlines a picture of current uses and what we intend to do in developing its use to meet our objectives in the years ahead. It covers all of the key areas of radio spectrum use, including mobile, fixed, broadcasting and other services that the ODTR regulates. For each service the paper sets out the present usage of the spectrum, examines key issues and presents objectives for management of the spectrum in order to inform its

strategic development, being fully aware that decisions about spectrum use have long term implications for the spectrum user and for the Irish economy overall. It is the intention of the ODTR to update and review the strategy on a biennial basis.

A copy of the paper is available on the ODTR website [www.odtr.ie](http://www.odtr.ie) "Strategic Management of the Radio Spectrum in Ireland – ODTR 02/43" or by writing to the ODTR and requesting a bound copy.

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