

Cellular mast emissions survey: Bouley Bay Public Toilet



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1 Executive summary

The Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority or JCRA regularly monitors emission levels from the cellular masts in Jersey¹ to ensure the mobile network operators who operate their services from those masts comply with their license obligations in terms of power levels and that the levels from the sites meet the internationally recognised standards and guidelines regarding health and safety limits for the public.

In 2017, JCRA commissioned EM emission level surveys at all the sites within the island. The surveys were repeated in each subsequent year for all new sites and sites where major changes were made by the operators in the previous year. This report presents the results of the survey conducted at the Bouley Bay Public Toilet site in 2024.

The Bouley Bay Public Toilet site was used by two operators at the time of the survey: Airtel and Sure. Surveys were conducted at all cellular frequency bands (800, 900, 1800, 2100 and 2600MHz) for all mobile cellular technologies (GSM, 3G and 4G) and for all three cellular operators as a routine procedure. Even though the reported levels are expected to be predominantly emitted from this site, the test equipment does not discriminate between nearby sites which means that the levels are cumulated over all site emissions detected by the test instrument.

The survey established that the emission levels around the site were very low and well below the safety limits for the public advised by internationally recognised standards.

The values shown hereafter are the maximum levels recorded around the site following a peak search. The levels were found to be lower at all the other locations round this site. The recorded values are true at the time of testing and can go up or down depending on the level of user activity on the site.

The total Exposure Quotient (EQ) for the site recorded across all detected cellular frequency bands is given at the bottom of the summary table below. A total EQ close to 1 (one) for the site would mean that emission levels approach the safety limit advised by ICNIRP in their guidelines.

Table 1 – Cumulative exposure quotient

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Bouley Bay Public Toilet	800	0.01242	Sure	3131	1.97715E-06	1/ 505779
	900	1.582	Sure	26	0.00563029	1/ 178
	1800	0.7154	Sure	82	0.004862251	1/ 206
	2100	0.5649	Airtel	108	0.000979199	1/ 1021
	2600	0.01618	Airtel	3770	8.22184E-06	1/ 121627
Total Site EQ					0.01148194	1/ 87

The results show that the total EQ was measured at 1/87 and therefore remains below the ICNIRP guidelines.

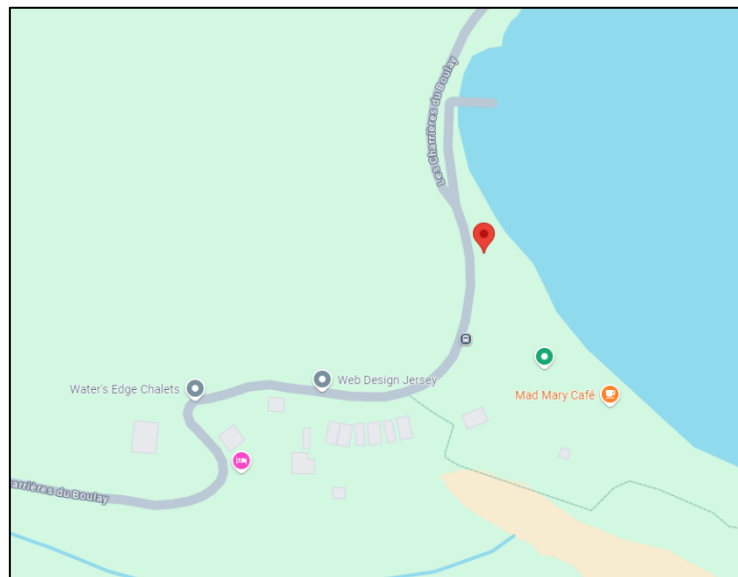
The graphs which follow show the activity on all the frequency bands surveyed. The plots are colour-coded for easy identification of the three main operators: Airtel in red, Jersey Telecom in light blue and Sure in dark blue. The graphs are also supported by the equivalent statistical figures derived from the measured levels at the site for added clarity.

¹ Prior to 1 July 2020, the JCRA and the Guernsey Competition & Regulatory Authority coordinated their activities in the Channel Islands as the Channel Islands Competition Regulatory Authorities (CICRA). Earlier reports may refer to CICRA rather than JCRA.

2 Site details

2.1 Site location

Figure 1 – Map of the site area



Site name:	Bouley Bay Public Toilet
Site address:	Bouley Bay, Les Charrières de Bouley
Site latitude:	49.238874
Site longitude:	-2.08166

2.2 Site description

Operators:	Airtel / Sure
Antenna types:	Monopole
Approximate height:	4m
Site type:	Monopole
Description:	The antennas at Bouley Bay Public Toilet are mounted at the top of a street lighting pole. Public access to the antenna requires use of a climbing aid.

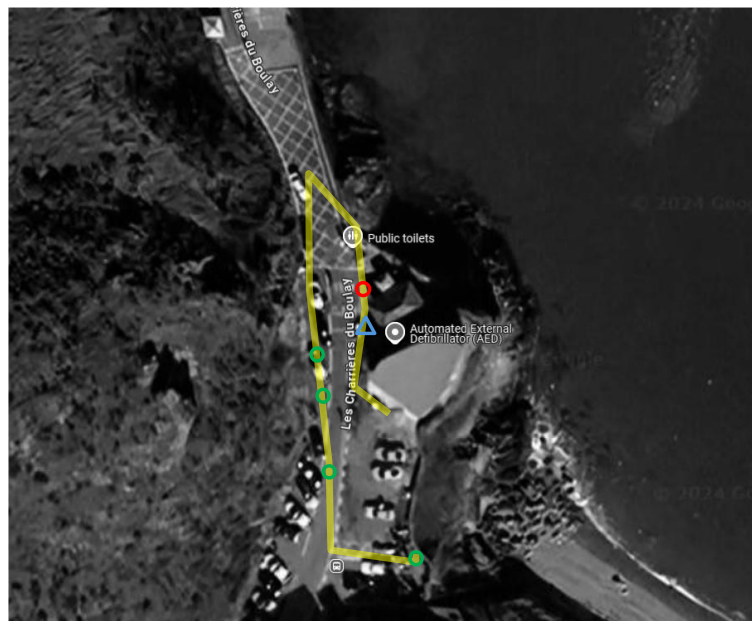
2.3 Site photo

Figure 2 – Location of the peak where emission levels were measured.



2.4 Test location

Figure 3 – Survey area with spot measurement markers



As part of the peak search procedure, spot measurements were taken at locations around the antennas as shown on the above sketch.

The blue triangle is the antenna location, yellow lines are the walk route, the green circles are intermediate locations measured at during the peak search and the red circle is the spot where the highest spot search reading was obtained and where the detailed survey was carried out.

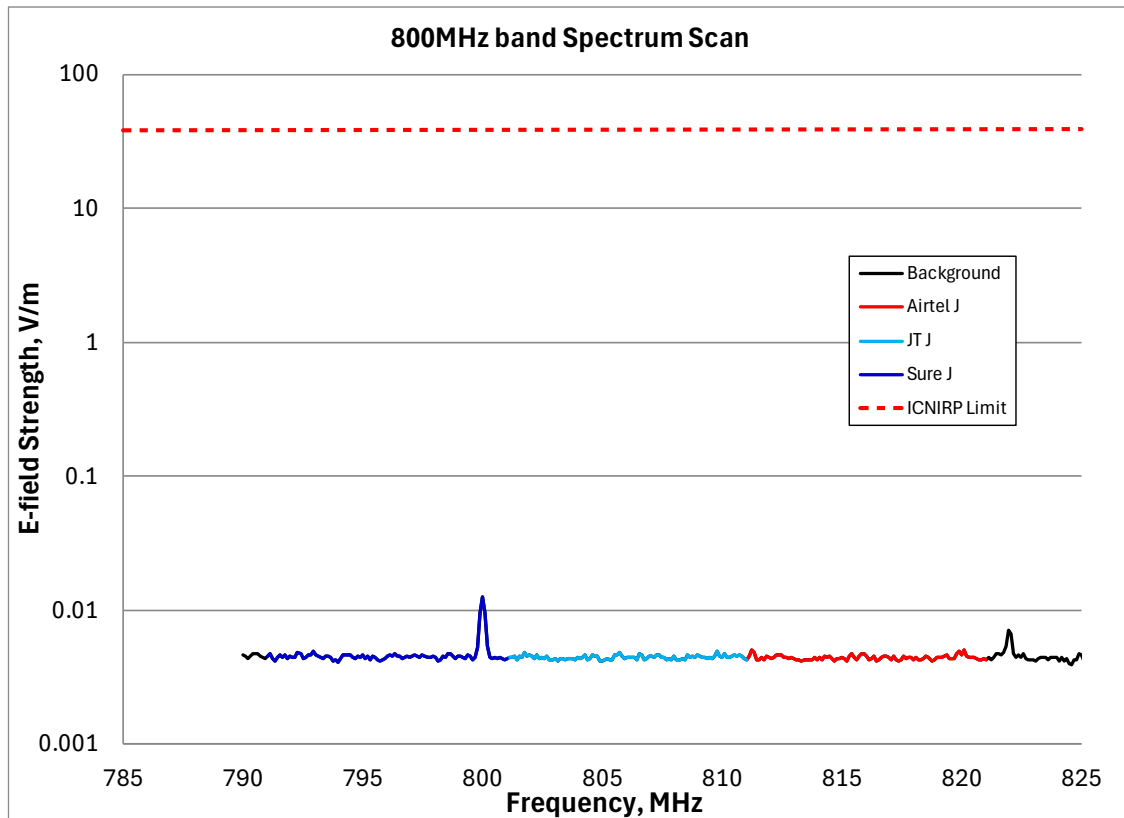
The spectrum readings reported further down this report were recorded over a period of six minutes as advised by ICNIRP.

3 Survey results

3.1 800MHz band

The graph for the 800MHz activity is shown below with the E-field strength levels measured at the site plotted on a logarithmic scale.

Figure 4 – 800MHz band spectrum scan



The red line on the scan represents the Airtel activity, the light blue is JT and the dark blue is Sure. ICNIRP's *General Public* reference level is also shown as the straight dashed line at the top of the graph. For clarity, each step on the vertical axis represents a 10-fold increase. The same scaling and colour scheme will be used throughout this report.

No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.01242 V/m (Sure), which is 3131 times smaller than the ICNIRP Guideline Reference Level.

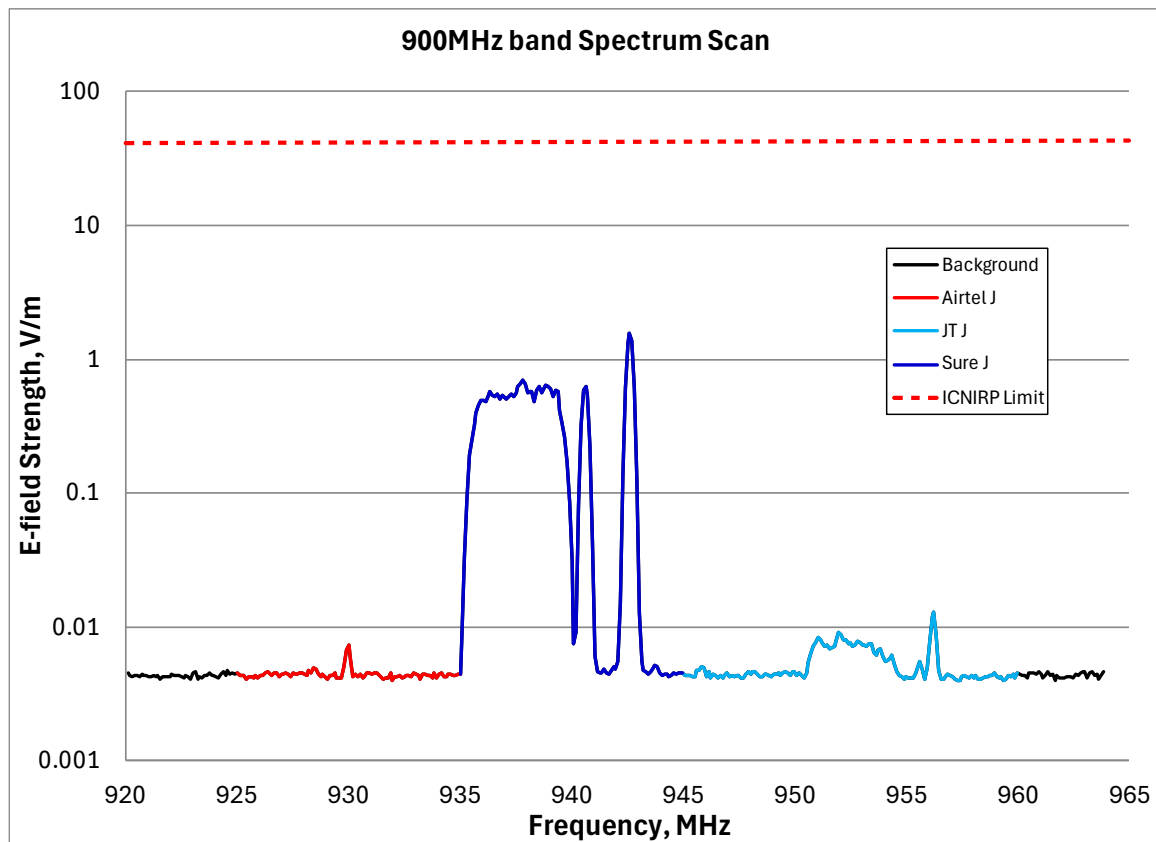
Table 2 – 800MHz band exposure quotient at Bouley Bay Public Toilet

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Bouley Bay Public Toilet	Airtel	800	0.005056	7692	6.11886E-07	1/ 1634293
	JT		0.00492	7905	6.2669E-07	1/ 1595685
	Sure		0.01242	3131	7.38574E-07	1/ 1353961
total band EQ					1.97715E-06	1/ 505779

3.2 900MHz band

The graph for the 900MHz activity is shown below.

Figure 5 – 900MHz band spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 1.582 V/m (Sure), which is 26 times smaller than the ICNIRP Reference Level.

The EQ results for the 900MHz band are shown below.

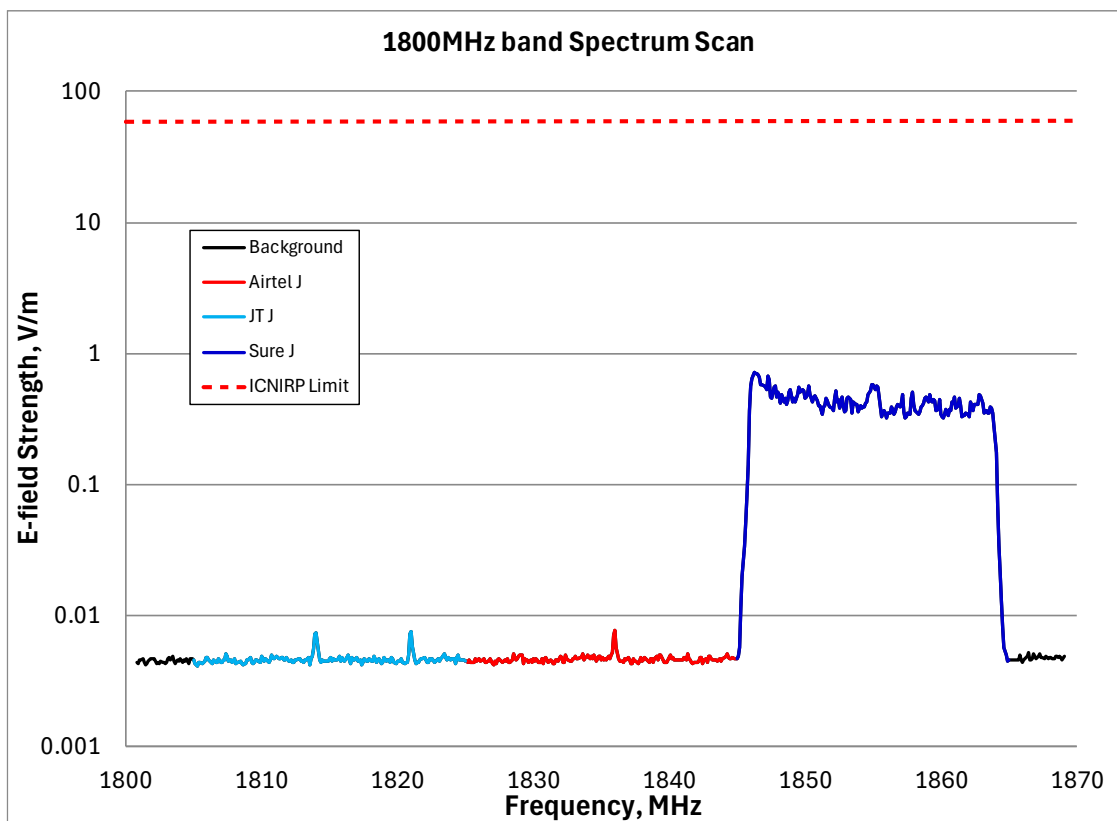
Table 3 – 900MHz band exposure quotient at Bouley Bay Public Toilet

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Bouley Bay Public Toilet	Airtel	900	0.007318	5637	5.46685E-07	1/ 1829208
	JT		0.01302	3168	1.207E-06	1/ 828501
	Sure		1.582	26	0.005628536	1/ 178
total band EQ					0.00563029	1/ 178

3.3 1800MHz band

The graph for the 1800MHz activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 6 – 1800MHz spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.7154 V/m (Sure), which is 82 times smaller than the ICNIRP Reference Level.

The EQ results for the 1800MHz band are shown below.

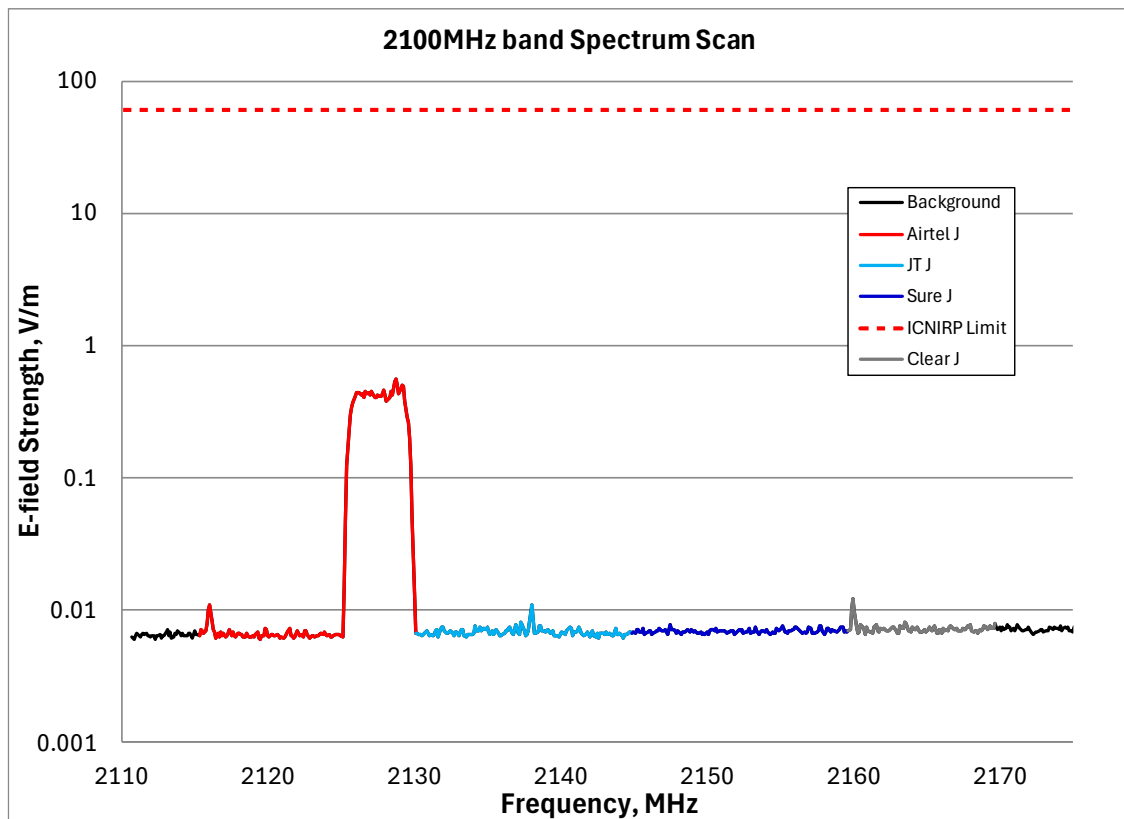
Table 4 – 1800MHz band exposure quotient at Bouley Bay Public Toilet

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Bouley Bay Public Toilet	Airtel	1800	0.007679	7597	5.97122E-07	1/ 1674700
	JT		0.007432	7849	6.00837E-07	1/ 1664344
	Sure		0.7154	82	0.004861053	1/ 206
total band EQ					0.004862251	1/ 206

3.4 2100MHz band

The graph for the 2100MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 7 – 2100MHz band spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.5649 V/m (Airtel), which is 108 times smaller than the ICNIRP Reference Level.

The EQ results for the 2100MHz band are shown below.

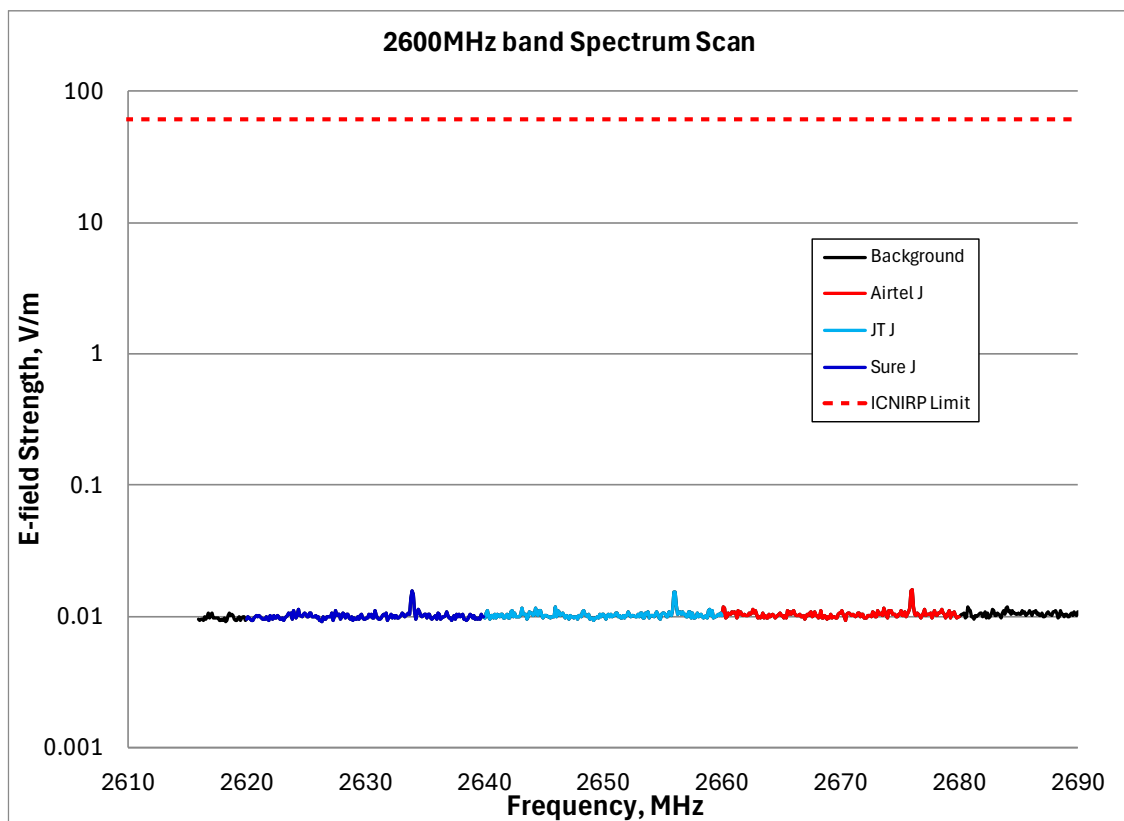
Table 5 – 2100MHz band exposure quotient at Bouley Bay Public Toilet

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Bouley Bay Public Toilet	Airtel	2100	0.5649	108	0.000976659	1/ 1024
	Clear		0.01217	5012	6.98734E-07	1/ 1431159
	JT		0.01097	5561	9.11995E-07	1/ 1096497
	Sure		0.007858	7763	9.2944E-07	1/ 1075917
total band EQ					0.000979199	1/ 1021

3.5 2600MHz band

The graph for the 2600MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 8 – 2600MHz band spectrum scan



No meaningful activity was recorded at this site on the 2600MHz band. The EQ results for the band are shown below.

Table 6 – 2600MHz band exposure quotient at Bouley Bay Public Toilet

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Bouley Bay Public Toilet	Airtel	2600	0.01618	3770	2.82225E-06	1/ 354328
	JT		0.01543	3953	2.75832E-06	1/ 362539
	Sure		0.01584	3851	2.64127E-06	1/ 378606
total band EQ					8.22184E-06	1/ 121627

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