

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Dividend and Other Measures) Bill 2011

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

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Dear Sir,

Council wishes to make a submission to the Senate Enquiry into the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Dividend and Other Measures) Bill 2011.

I would like to draw your attention to the following matters:-

- There has been a lack of consultation over the last 12-18mths regarding the digital TV policy and the government has shown a complete lack of awareness of remote area issues
- No time has been allowed by the government to consider terrestrial rebroadcast alternatives although the Minister in his April 2010 letter invited existing re-broadcasters to consider alternatives if they chose
- There has been no recognition by the government of the social and economic considerations for remote businesses of the changeover.

I trust you will take these matters into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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