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The General Manager  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## DIGITAL CONVERSION OF SELF-HELP TELEVISION RETRANSMISSION SITES

Please find attached Council's response to the Discussion Paper on the digital conversion of self-help television retransmission sites.

Hughenden is serviced by a self-help analogue terrestrial retransmission site, accessing Imparja and SBS services.

Council supports the installation of individual digital transmitters and decoders for each television service required to be retransmitted in digital mode at a site. From the information provided in the Discussion Paper, the costs for conversion are not defined sufficiently to enable Council to make an informed decision about the cost advantages of one option over another. Council considers the installation of individual digital transmitters will decrease the operational and maintenance costs on-site and provide higher continuity of service.

Timing of digital conversion of self-help retransmission sites is not finalised, however, Council would expect that funding assistance will be provided through a grants program to enable conversion of existing analogue systems to digital as part of the switch-over expected in 2010-2012.

Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned through Council's office on (07) 4741 1288 or [stephenm@flinders.qld.gov.au](mailto:stephenm@flinders.qld.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

  
FOR Stephen McCartney  
Chief Executive Officer