

Shire of Manjimup

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Re: Digital Conversion of self-help television retransmission sites.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Shire of Manjimup currently supports the remote sites at Walpole, Quinninup and Northcliffe in Western Australia. These sites retransmit commercial broadcasts as well as ABC and SBS. We wish to make the following comments regarding the discussion paper on digital retransmission.

1. The Shire does not have the technical expertise to support multiplexers within our organisation and there is probably nobody within the Shire district that has that expertise either. The current Shire's "Plan for the Future" does not have funding for the conversion. The Shire would need to import the expertise and fund the conversion within it's own budget. The decision would then have to be made if the Shire would further support the retransmission sites or would abandon them.
2. All sites under the Shire of Manjimup's control have a population less than 500. The cost and responsibility of DTH would have to be decided by the Shire. It would almost seem impossible for the Shire to fund and support such installations.
3. The shire has no particular position on the timing of the conversion to digital transmission.

Yours Faithfully



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