

DIGITAL CONVERSION OF SELF-HELP TELEVISION RETANSMISSION SITES

SUBMISSION FROM TASMAN COUNCIL

Tasman Council currently manages two re-transmission facilities for the community. One is at Eaglehawk Neck which services about 105 households and the other is at Port Arthur which services about 106 households. Both sites transmit 4 analogue services.

From both a community and Council point of view, conversion to individual digital transmitters are the preferred option. This would represent the lowest cost for consumers and Council. The fact that DTH does not relay local commercial stations would make DTH a very poor option.

In terms of servicing the more susceptible multiplexing equipment there is no availability of technicians specifically trained in multiplexer operation and maintenance in the region. Therefore this option could create an ongoing financial burden on the community.