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The General Manager  
Digital Broadcasting  
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts  
GPO Box 2154  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir

**RE: Digital Conversion of Self-Help Television Retransmission Sites – Discussion Paper**

I refer to the above and to the discussion paper issued by your Department seeking comment in particular to the three (3) technical questions related to the digital conversion of existing retransmitted analogue systems that were established through the TV Blackspots program. Narrandera Shire Council in 2004 was successful in gaining funding for the retransmission of three (3) TV Stations being Ten, Prime and SBS. Council was not successful in gaining funding for Win and the ABC.

You may be aware that Council does not have the on site technical expertise to provide responses to the three questions put forward in your discussion paper. Council has engaged Mr Scott Day of Dayinstalls in Tumut to be available for any maintenance issues that may occur with our retransmission site. The Departments discussion paper was referred to Mr Day for assistance in providing a response but at the date of this letter this is yet to be provided.

Narrandera Shire Council would be keen to be involved in any program for the digital conversion of our retransmission site, together with the two TV Stations of Win and ABC, which are not retransmitted. Council still hopes to be in a position to provide a response to your discussion paper but this may occur after the date of closure, being the 10 August 2007. Council would appreciate you noting its interest for digital conversion and your understanding in this matter would also be appreciated.

Yours faithfully



**Ken Murphy**  
**General Manager**