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# Digital TV proposed for...

## Regional Victoria, NE Tasmania, South Australia and Broken Hill, NSW

The first phase of the conversion of terrestrial television services from analog to digital in regional Victoria, North East Tasmania, South Australia and Broken Hill has been reached with the release today by the Australian Broadcasting Authority of discussion papers and draft digital channel plans for these regional areas of Australia.

Tables summarising the proposed assignment of channels for the conversion of high power commercial and national television services from analog to digital mode are provided in the attached backgrounders. The ABA has also identified additional channels in each of these areas that could be made available for datacasting services.

Digital transmissions must start on a date determined by the ABA before 1 January 2004 in regional areas. The ABA has determined a simulcast start date of 31 March 2003 for regional Victoria and North East Tasmania. The simulcast start date for regional South Australia and Broken Hill has yet to be determined.

The discussion paper and draft digital channel plans for these regions are available on the ABA web site, at [www.aba.gov.au/tv/digital/planning/index.htm](http://www.aba.gov.au/tv/digital/planning/index.htm) or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

The closing date for submissions was 29 October 2001.

### Draft digital channel plans summary

Upper Murray								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Upper Murray	Analog	ABAV	SBS	AMV	GLV	VTV	Unassigned	
	Digital	1	30	11	39	33		
		9A	42	12	38	45	48	51

Latrobe Valley								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Latrobe Valley	Analog	ABLW	SBS	AMV	GLV	VTV	Unassigned	
	Digital	40	34	46	37	43		
		42	30	33	39	36	45	48

Goulburn Valley								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Goulburn Valley	Analog	ABGV	SBS	AMV	GLV	VTV	Unassigned	
	Digital	40	34	43	46	6		
		49	37	52	54	36	41	44



<b>Bendigo</b>								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Bendigo	<b>Analog</b>	<b>ABEV</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>AMV</b>	<b>BCV</b>	<b>VTV</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
	<b>Digital</b>	1	29	32	8 & 38	35	53	57

<b>Ballarat</b>								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Ballarat	<b>Analog</b>	<b>ABRV</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>AMV</b>	<b>BCV</b>	<b>VTV</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
	<b>Digital</b>	42	30	33	39	6 & 36	44	47

<b>Western Victoria</b>								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Western Victoria	<b>Analog</b>	<b>ABWV</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>AMV</b>	<b>BCV</b>	<b>VTV</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
	<b>Digital</b>	5A	28	34	31	10	35	38

<b>Murray Valley</b>								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Murray Valley	<b>Analog</b>	<b>ABSV</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>AMV</b>	<b>BCV</b>	<b>VTV</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
	<b>Digital</b>	2	44	47	10	50	66	67

<b>Nhill</b>								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Nhill	<b>Analog</b>	<b>ABWV</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>AMV</b>	<b>BCV</b>	<b>VTV</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
	<b>Digital</b>	9	59	62	65	7	58	60

<b>Horsham</b>								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
Horsham	<b>Analog</b>	<b>ABWV</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>AMV</b>	<b>BCV</b>	<b>VTV</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
	<b>Digital</b>	45	48	54	57	51	50	68

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<b>Mildura/Sunraysia</b>							
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments					
		<b>ABMV</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>PTV</b>	<b>STV</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
Mildura/	<b>Analog</b>	6	29	32	8		
Sunraysia	<b>Digital</b>	11	28	31	12	33	36

<b>North East Tasmania</b>							
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments					
		<b>ABNT</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>TNT</b>	<b>TVT</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>	
NE Tasmania	<b>Analog</b>	3/32	29	9	35		
	<b>Digital</b>	41	44	38	50	49	51 52

<b>Riverland</b>							
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments					
		<b>ABRS</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>RTS</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>		
Riverland	<b>Analog</b>	3	30	5A			
	<b>Digital</b>	39	40	35	41	43	46

<b>Spencer Gulf</b>							
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments					
		<b>ABSNT</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>GTS</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>		
Spencer Gulf	<b>Analog</b>	1	40	4			
North	<b>Digital</b>	38	41	42	39	44	47

<b>SE South Australia</b>							
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments					
		<b>ABGS</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>SES</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>		
South East	<b>Analog</b>	1	29	8			
	<b>Digital</b>	39	40	43	44	46	47

<b>Broken Hill</b>							
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments					
		<b>ABLN</b>	<b>SBS</b>	<b>BKN</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>		
Broken Hill	<b>Analog</b>	2	44	7			
	<b>Digital</b>	10	43	9A	40	41	42