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The plans set out the channels existing commercial and national broadcasters will use for their digital transmissions. The ABA has also identified as yet unassigned channels that may be used for other purposes, including datacasting.

An explanatory paper, which discusses issues raised in

submissions and explains the reasons for each decision, accompanies the digital channel plans.

Changes from draft digital channel plans

The following changes to preliminary views as set out in the draft digital channel plans have been made:

Toowoomba

The draft channel plan proposed the assignment of channel 67 as an unassigned channel at Toowoomba and channel 66 to be assigned to the SBS. The final digital

channel plan has channel 67 assigned to the SBS and channel 66 as the unassigned channel.

The draft digital channel plan identified channel 9A for use as a digital channel at Cairns. The proposal to use channel 9A would require TNQ10 in Cairns to move its frequency upwards by 1 MHz. Channel 9A has been replaced with channel 6, avoiding the need for TNQ10 to change its frequency.

As a consequence of the digital channel 6 planned for Cairns, additional analog changes are required in the Cooktown, Mareeba and

Babinda areas. In the final digital channel plan, the ABA has identified alternative options for these areas – a change of channel of the interfered-with analog service.



The digital channel plans and accompanying explanatory paper for regional Queensland are available on the ABA's web site at www.aba.gov.au/tv/digitaltv/planning/index.htm. Copies can also be obtained from the ABA by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

Draft digital plans summary

Wide Bay								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
		ABWQ	SBS	RTQ	STQ	TNQ	Unassigned	
Wide Bay	Analog	6	30	39	8	33		
	Digital	9A	28	10	7	9	31	54

Rockhampton								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
		ABRQ	SBS	RTQ	STQ	TNQ	Unassigned	
Rockhampton	Analog	9	28	7	31	34		
	Digital	11	37	12	38	36	40	44

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Darling Downs								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
		ABDQ	SBS	RTQ	STQ	TNQ	Unassigned	
Darling Downs	Analog	32	29	0	35	41		
	Digital	37	49	46	34	40	44	47
Toowoomba	Analog	56	53	65	59	62		
	Digital	55	67	64	58	61	66	68

Southern Downs								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
		ABSQ	SBS	RTQ	STQ	TNQ	Unassigned	
Southern Downs	Analog	1	30	42	33	39		
	Digital	45	48	43	51	52	54	57

Mackay								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
		ABMQ	SBS	RTQ	STQ	TNQ	Unassigned	
Mackay	Analog	8	30	39	6	33		
	Digital	10	29	35	9A	32	42	45

Townsville								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
		ABTQ	SBS	RTQ	STQ	TNQ	Unassigned	
Townsville	Analog	3	28	40	34	7		
	Digital	31	37	41	38	36	47	44

Cairns								
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments						
		ABNQ	SBS	RTQ	STQ	TNQ	Unassigned	
Cairns	Analog	9	30	39	33	10		
	Digital	8	29	12	11	6	32	35
Cairns East	Analog	41	53*	50	44	47		
	Digital	42	52	49	43	46	37	36
Cairns North	Analog	56	68^	65	59	62		
	Digital	42	52	49	43	46	37	36
Gordonvale	Analog	55	58	64	61	2		
	Digital	42	52	49	43	46	37	36
Babinda	Analog	54	45	51	48	6		
	Digital	42	52	49	43	46	37	36

* SBS35 Cairns East to relocate to channel 53

^ SBS53 Cairns North to relocate to channel 68