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The channel assignments are contained in a variation to the digital channel plans for Inland NSW, released on 26 July 2002.

In developing these plans, the ABA weighed up a number of important factors. These include the aim of spectrum efficiency, the need to minimise any changes that viewers will have to make to their existing reception equipment to receive digital broadcasts and the desirability of broadcasters being able to use their existing infrastructure

to broadcast their digital television services,' said the ABA Chairman.

'The ABA has at all times given the interests of viewers a high priority. However, the proposals will require some changes to analog services. Fortunately, only relatively minor disruption to viewers is expected as, in most cases, retuning of television sets and VCRs will be all that will be required,' Professor Flint said. 'Public information, education campaigns and telephone hotlines will be established to deal with and provide timely advice on how to retune devices before any changes take place.'

Analog channel changes

Viewers in Hay and Ivanhoe may be affected by necessary consequential analog service changes. Viewers in these areas would need to retune their television sets and VCRs, however, it is expected that viewers' existing antennas should be suitable for the new channels as they have been planned such that they are close to the existing analog channels. The changes are necessary to avoid co-channel interference to the existing analog services from the allotment of digital channels in Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. The explanatory paper indicates the

alternative channels should these moves be required.



An explanatory paper, which discusses issues raised in submissions and explains the reasons for each decision, and the variation to digital channel plans for Inland NSW are available on the ABA website www.aba.gov.au/digitaltv/planning/index.htm or by calling Freecall 1800 810 241.

Digital channel summary

Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area							
Area served	Analog/Digital	Analog channel assignments/Proposed digital channel assignments					
		ABGN	SBS	AMN	MTN	Unassigned	
Murrumbidgee	Analog	7	28	31	9		
Irrigation Area	Digital	11	33	30	6	34	39