Draft Licence Area Plan – Darwin Television
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Analog transmitter allocations which will vacate these channels at the end of 2013

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Larrakia channel 64, NT House Mitchell Street DARWIN

The current digital transmitter allocations are;

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The digital restack group BH consists of channels 28 – 33. So, ideally Larrkia should be allocated channel 28, however SBS analog will not vacate this channel until the end of next year.

Another decision needs to go to the Minister. The digital restack has one unallocated channel available at all transmitter sites.

Currently community TV exists in mainland State capital cities and Darwin using spare channels. When the restack occurs the only the unallocated channel will be the only spare channel.

So will community TV use the nationwide unallocated channel for 6 transmitter sites only?

In addition community TV is producing a single program per transmitter site.

A larger coverage area could be provided if this single program is multiplexed into the SBS transmitter in the community which it is serving. SBS should also be allowed to increase its data rate to compensate them. This would leave a national allocation for a future national purpose.