Submission to:

Draft Television Licence Area Plan
(Remote and Regional Western Australia) 2013

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1. Licence Areas

WOW covers the whole state excluding the Perth Licence area. Its licencee is WIN TV.

It should have to follow the same licence areas as the other commercial licences. WIN TV should not have requirements as Prime’s GWN7.

So Remote and Regional Western Australia TV1 licence area should be deleted and the contents redistributed into South West and Great Southern TV1, Geraldton TV1, Kalgoorlie TV1 and Western Zone TV1.

2. Common siting of National and commercial broadcasters

All broadcasters should have identical coverage areas to this will mean that all transmissions should be in the
restack block, but the same transmitting antenna location and effective radiating power should be identical. This may mean that there may be a reduction in the terrestrial coverage area of the national broadcaster. This is not a disadvantage because those outside the commercial coverage area will need a satellite receiver for VAST anyway.

Affected locations;

*Southern Cross* has the ABC 18 km out of town in a Block A channel with SBS and the commercials in the centre of town on Block B channels. Why should the viewers in this area have to have a pair of different antennas pointed in different directions.

*Morawa* is in a similar situation to Southern Cross but with a larger population.
Menzies has similar separated sites and a mix of Block A and Block D channel allocations.

Wongan Hills has separated sites, but at least all transmitters will be in Block E.

Any RIBS sites should have a common transmitter site. This applies to Broome’s Goolarri transmitter should not only change channel but also move to the 6BE transmitter tower with the other TV transmitters. There is a list of other sites which should be converted to DVB-T.

**Standalone ABC transmitters**

These should be shutdown because that the ABC signals are available from the VAST satellite along with the rest of the 17 other program feeds.

Affected towns;
Cue, Dalwallinu (medium power)
Denham, Hopetoun (WA), Jurien, Lake Grace, Leeman, Leinster, Marble Bar, Onslow, Ravensthorpe.
Clear channels, 9 & 9A for DAB+
VDW9, ABKW9A is on air in Kalgoorlie, it is easy to reallocate these channels and the transmitter/receiver modifications are small. If there is no allocations to channels 9 and 9A nationally, all receivers can remove these channels from receivers making installation channel scan quicker.

Through good ACMA planning there will be only a small percentage of sites which require modifications.