



**Australian Government**



## Use of Band I antennas in regional Victoria

Regional Victoria will be switching to digital-only television on 5 May 2011. To receive free-to-air digital TV, your television must be able to receive digital signals. You will need to add a digital set-top box or digital video recorder to your existing analog TV, or have a television with a built-in digital tuner.

### Where can I get information about television services in my area?

To get information about your local television services, the frequencies they are transmitted on, and the expected coverage of the transmitter serving your local area, go to mySwitch on the Digital Ready website [www.digitalready.gov.au](http://www.digitalready.gov.au)

### Is my old antenna causing reception problems?

In some areas of Victoria analog television was provided on channels 1 or 2. These channels are referred to as Band I. Digital television does not use these channels, and so Band I antennas are no longer required.

Regional Victoria transmission sites that used analog Band I are:

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| Bendigo       | Coleraine    |
| Murray Valley | Myrtleford   |
| Orbost        | Upper Murray |
| Warrnambool   |              |

If you have a Band I antenna, you should remove it. These antennas are subject to more interference caused by nearby electrical sources, known as 'impulse noise', than other antennas. Removing the antenna will reduce the effects of this interference on your digital television channels.

You may wish to consider engaging an antenna installer to assess your antenna to ensure that it is correctly set up to receive the digital television services available in your area, and to help you with any adjustments you might need to make to your antenna.

To find your nearest Australian Government Endorsed Antenna Installer you can call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13 or go to mySwitch and click on 'Endorsed Antenna Installers' in the box headed 'Switchover information' on the left side of the page. Keep this fact sheet handy to use when discussing your reception difficulties with your antenna installer.

### What if I still can't receive adequate terrestrial reception?

If your antenna is correctly set up and you still can't receive adequate terrestrial reception from your local transmitter, you may be eligible to access the new government-funded digital Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

See the VAST fact sheet for information about the VAST service.

Digital Ready Information Line **1800 20 10 13**

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