



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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PUSH ON FOR MORE DIGITAL TV SERVICES AROUND WYNYARD

TELEVISION viewers crying out for new digital services in the far North West deserve more information about what is happening and when it will arrive says Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom.

Mr Sidebottom was today presented with a copy of a petition to commercial broadcasters calling for the digital services to be delivered to the Wynyard and beyond soon.

He said his office had been inundated by calls from people in Wynyard area asking when commercial digital television would be available.

“People who rely on the Table Cape transmitter for their television are asking why they can’t receive the same digital services as their friends and family in Burnie,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“Digital televisions and set top boxes have been highly promoted and these people have been led to believe they would receive digital TV some time ago.”

Mr Sidebottom said he had written to and met with commercial broadcasters to advocate the situation for people in the region.

“They have been up front with me in outlining their desire to provide more services and I acknowledge this is a complex technical process,” he said.

“But I have been keen to point out to them that people are feeling very uninformed., and as service providers they should be letting their customers know about their roll-out timeframe.

“I know they have taken this message on board and I look forward to a communication of their intentions on this matter.

“Because some digital services from ABC and SBS have been available from Table Cape for a long time many people expected commercial services to soon follow.

“Unfortunately, that hasn’t happened, but without explanation.”

Mr Sidebottom said he was pleased to see people like Travis Bugg organising themselves to make their voice heard on the issue.

“I am happy to join them in this endeavour.

“This affects literally hundreds of homes in the region and almost as many further along the coast in Circular Head.

“We want to see them all receiving the best services available as soon as possible.”

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