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This is the response of Glendaruel Television Association to the paper Digital Television: The Principles for Spectrum Planning.

The scattered, rural community of Glendaruel is served by a system of relay masts in order to receive any television signal. The future of television reception in the area is very much at risk with the forthcoming switch to digital and therefore we feel it is appropriate for our Association to submit a response to the above paper. Our response relates mainly to Questions 6 and 7.

It is stated that digital channels will be available free at the point of viewing to all those who are currently able to receive the analogue versions and that it would be possible to meet that requirement by using cable or satellite to plug any gaps. However, despite our requests, neither the Government nor the Broadcasting Authorities are prepared to conduct a comprehensive survey of our area before making their decisions, despite being aware that real problems exist. (see attached letter from ITC)

We feel very strongly that any consultation process is worthless unless ALL relevant facts are available for consideration. What is worse, in this case, the Government is aware that it does not possess all the facts but is still unwilling undertake the relatively simple survey required. Perhaps it knows the results won't be what it wants to hear?

Our concern is that no one in our area should be left unable to receive any TV coverage. We already receive a more limited coverage than other areas of the country. We merely wish to ensure that the service in this area is maintained and any improvement would be a bonus.

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