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Hello from Cairns,

I can say that in my opinion digital TV in Australia is a right real mess and more so in regional locations like Cairns, we get some FTA digital in one format or another as 4.3 or 16.9 its so dam stupid, and a mixture of all when adverts are broadcast in a mixture of formats. So if you have a wide screen TV or 16.9 projector and get a 4.3 image you need to use letterbox format to fill the screen or otherwise look at black bars, then with letterbox format any text runs off the bottom of the screen, I can't believe this.

It's simply a minefield and the internet forums have been raging in anger for some time at this ridiculous situation we are in after all these years.

Here in South Cairns for instance from Mt Belliden Ker or Saddle Mountain repeaters we get all channels except 10, they say the end of 05 before its available!.

I think out of about 50 friends 2 have digital boxes and I'm one of them. They ask me about digital TV and I say "don't bother!".

Yours faithfully,
Keith Collier