

Submission 4

I did own a digital receiver and was receiving the standard definition signal.

The picture quality was improved but all too often the sound completely dropped out as I suspect signal strength is poor in my area (Werribee, Vic).

I have returned the set top box for a refund after having spent many hour and more dollars upgrading cabling and antenna.

I will not be venturing back into digital television presently as it does not offer any additional programming or functionality. I take note that the ABC2 channel has started since I returned the box.

I am also aware of the Nine Sports Active feature which is appealing but is unavailable on all but one receiver which makes it very expensive.

New channels, with greater variety and more interactivity are what are needed to excite the public into purchasing this technology. The digital nature (and consequent all or none phenomenon) means that the majority of Australians will need to upgrade their current equipment which is an added cost.