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New Television Services Available in Mingoola and Glenlyon

The Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, announced today he has received advice from the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, the Hon Daryl Williams, MP, that funding of \$74,760 has been provided to implement a direct-to-home satellite solution for the television black spots of Mingoola and Glenlyon.

Mr Windsor said this funding will enable residents in 68 households in these regions to receive ABC and SBS television services as well as the remote broadcasting services of Imparja and Seven Central.

“This funding, which has been made available under the Commonwealth Government’s Television Black Spots – Alternative Technical Solutions (ATS) Program, will greatly improve television services available to residents in these areas,” Mr Windsor said.

He said the ATS program, which builds upon the Television Black Spots Program (TVBSP) was developed to further improve television reception in regional areas.

“The ATS program supports the development of alternative technical solutions to assist eligible applicants who could not be assisted under the original TVBSP program because frequencies are unavailable or an analog re-transmission solution is not viable.”

“I commend Tenterfield Shire Council for submitting an Expression of Interest for New Services under the TVBSP. Even though it was determined these black spot areas could not be fixed under the TVBSP, the issue was subsequently transferred to the ATS program for consideration,” Mr Windsor concluded.

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