TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of certain citizens of Australia, particularly those residents of the Wandoan District, Queensland, draws the attention of the House to concerns over the decommissioning of self-help analogue television re-transmission facilities at Nathan Road, Wandoan. When this site ceases to broadcast television signals residents wishing to access free to air television will be required to install satellite reception equipment (VAST) at a substantial cost, even after the Satellite Subsidy Scheme is applied. If residents have more than one television they will be required to install an additional satellite decoder for each at their own cost.

We therefore ask the House to take all necessary steps to ensure an increase in the subsidy funding under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme in order to alleviate the financial burden of moving to the VAST system.