

With so many members of the public currently investing in HD ready TV, I am deeply concerned about recent developments.

Firstly, the announcement that freeview may not be available with HD content moving forward. This is ironic as many major TV brands have recently started integrating Freeview boxes into sets. What is the use of watching an HD LCD TV with a standard definition signal???

Second the attempt of Bskyb is stifle competition in blocking any planned takeover of ITV by Virgin Media.

The restriction of HD content to a satellite based platform will create a monopoly situation. The primary benefactor will be Bskyb shareholders, the loser will be the general public who will be forced down the Sky route at a considerable premium if they want HDTV.

I notice Australia has successfully launched Freeview with HD content so it is possible. Ultimately, HDTV for all in free-to-air must be the goal.