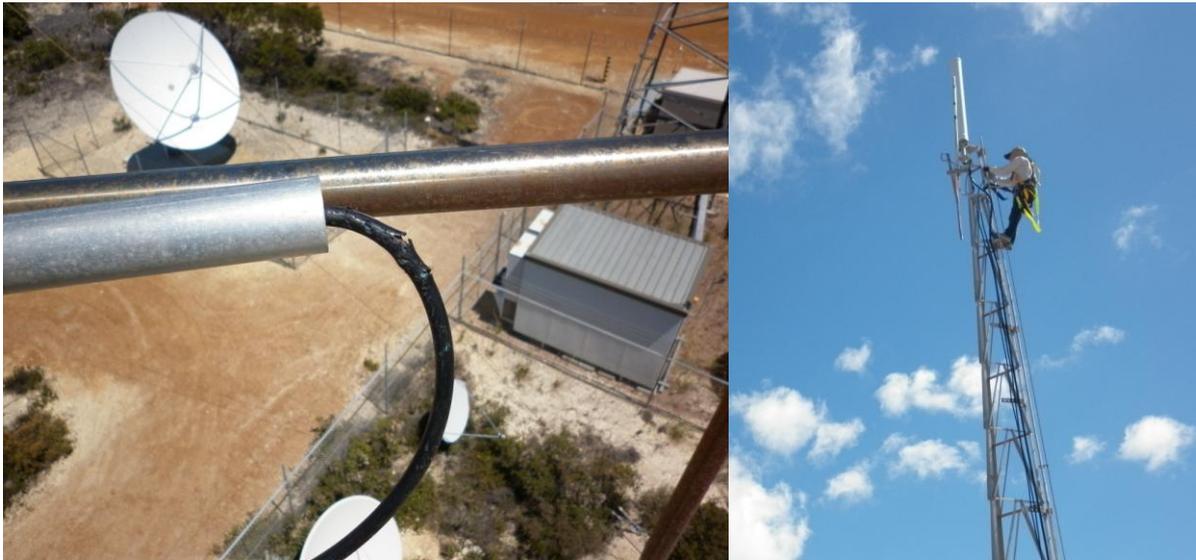




Flying cable cutters

They are often called flying cable cutters. Galahs and cockatoos like to chew on the coax cables on broadcast towers all over Australia.



Once the outer sheath of the coax is broken water gets into the cable. This runs down into the connectors and they corrode causing distinctive power fluctuations on the transmitters. If this issue is not corrected the transmitters will eventually destroy themselves leaving the service off the air and the community with a much larger bill than antenna replacement.

Satellite Television and Radio Australia recently completed the replacement of antenna systems at Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe in the Shire of Ravensthorpe in Western Australia. The community had lost their favourite FM radio stations due to bird damage and then storms completed the damage by filling up the cables with water. Luckily the shire contacted STRA and we advised them to switch off the transmitters before they suffered irreparable damage. We then replaced the antenna systems and installed a bird guard on the antenna cables for significantly less than having to replace four transmitters.

If you notice birds on your tower where antennas are situated or fluctuating power on your transmitters then it is worth having STRA check and install a bird guard on your antenna systems before the damage is substantial and costly.

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