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Representing: Self

Comments:

I have read the report and am very disappointed to see in it nothing about audio quality. You concentrate on spectrum and commercial issues only. The digital audio era should be the opportunity for the great technological leap forward in quality that FM stereo was all those years ago.

Too much discussion centres round quantity and too little on quality. While it is good to have greater choice of station, this must never be at the expense of audio quality. I was expecting at least enough bandwidth to be made available to receive something like Dolby 5 or 7 and have concert hall sound available to me. This appears never to be on the horizon.

Must we audiophiles be forever content with 40 year old obsolete technology for the duration of broadcasting. I listen a lot to quality music and drama and really appreciate quality which is no better on DAB at present than on my twelve year old but still good FM receiver.

May I ask what you are doing to address the quality problem. If nothing, then the rollout of DAB will be inevitably and inexorably slow. I for one will have no reason to move. You are in danger of losing a golden commercial opportunity for equipment manufacturers.