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Representing: Self

Comments:

At present the BBC's DAB audio quality is insufficient. This is caused by the inadequate coder bit rates used in the transmission. FM, even with the abomination of Optimod multi-band compression sounds better than DAB!

The audio quality of DAB needs to at least exceed that of FM before even thinking about switching off FM. Improve the DAB bitrates at the very least, use an improved codec algorithm AAC+ (DAB2) if you must bearing in mind the compatibility issues and preferably do both whilst improving signal coverage.

I'm afraid the cynical side of me would suggest putting a low bitrate MPEG encode/decode cycle in the FM transmitter feeds to make FM sound at least as bad as DAB. Don't forget to do the same thing to the satellite radio feeds so no one can compare and hear what good audio really sounds like. Eventually people will switch off, allowing ofcom to sell the spectrum to the highest bidder. Result!

Thanks for listening.

Kevin