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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you agree that copy management would broaden the range of HD content available on DTT and help secure its long term viability as a platform? :

No - on the contrary it threatens the viability of the platform by making it harder to access.

Question 2: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed multiplex licence amendment represents the most appropriate means for securing an effective content management system on HD DTT? :

No - it is clear infringement of the BBC principle that broadcasts should be free to air and open.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed change to Condition 6 in the Multiplex B Licence? :

No, and as a television producer who has worked at the BBC for many years and continues to work frequently for the BBC, I am ashamed that the organisation should support this move

Question 4: Do you agree that Multiplexes C and D should be granted a similar amendment to their Licences as Multiplex B?. :

No, as above.

Question 5: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed approach for implementing content management would safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use of HD content, and if not, what additional guarantees would be appropriate? :

No - I watch much of my television through the use of open source software such as XBMC. Why should my lawful right to watch content I have paid for (and perhaps even made!) be curtailed.

Question 6: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed choice of content management technologies will have only a negligible impact on the cost of HD DTT receivers and their interoperability with other HD consumer equipment? . :

Manifestly not, since it will effectively outlaw open source software which is the cheapest option.

Question 7: Do stakeholders agree that the BBC's proposed Huffman Code licensing arrangements would have a negligible effect on the market for HD DTT receivers? :

As a stakeholder (a creator of digital content) I do not agree.

Question 8: Do the BBC's proposed content management states and their permitted use for different categories of HD content meet the requirements of other HD broadcasters on DTT? . :

Don't know.

Question 9: Are there any issues that you consider Ofcom should take into account in assessing the BBC's proposal, that have not been addressed by this consultation?:

The BBC has long been at the forefront of creating and promoting open platforms (such as freeview and freesat) which have been of great benefit to the consumer. Thanks to these open platforms I am able to watch and timeshift my viewing using a variety of technologies. As a programme maker this is of huge importance. It is therefore wrong for the BBC to be attempting to create a closed platform which will damage consumers and creative professionals alike.