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Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

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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, copy management would stop me viewing content and listings on the device of my choice and so limit the fraction of content available on DTT to me.

As copy management would limit my use of the platform it would reduce mine, and others, support. So no, I do not believe it will help DTT's long term viability.

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, as there is no appropriate means of securing content management on HD DTT - either they are ineffective or they lock out innovative and open viewing platforms such as MythTV.

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

No, I believe it to be inconsistent with the BBC's remit and so inconsistent with its allowed use of DTT. As BBC is funded by a compulsory levy for TV viewers, it should not be limiting the viewing of its content and catalogs.

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

No for the same reason given to question 3.

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? :

I want to use HD content legitimately. I do not want to use hardware whose modification is restricted; I want to use open source software and view the content on the device of my choice. The proposed content management would prevent my legitimate use of HD content.

HD DTT should be viewable via open platforms such as MythTV.

The proposed appeals process of writing to the BBC concerning inappropriate use of copy protection seems wholly inadequate - part of the licence fee should be set aside for an independent body to judge such complaints.

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? . :

No - it will limit innovation of new devices, and would stop content being viewed on many devices about the home or carried on the person.

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? :

No, I believe these licensing arrangements would discriminate highly in favour of incumbent players.

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? . :

This is not the BBC's business - as a PSB, and as an institution funded by a compulsory levy, it should not be promoting use of copy protection. What other HD broadcasters on DTT want should be left to them to promote.

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?:

I find the desire of BBC to control and limit functionality of devices used to view their broadcasts, implicit in the copy protection proposals, inappropriate and obnoxious - I know it will limit greatly my personal usage of their content and so also limit my future support for the BBC.