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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

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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, DRM is a restrictive technology that will only serve to reduce it's long term viability as a platform.

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

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

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

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? :

The question is malformed. Nothing about DRM in any of it's incarnations serves to "safeguard" citizens and consumers and will eventually prove nothing more than a severe inconvenience to precisely those people.

Again, I am baffled by the question, the ONLY safeguard for the citizen's legitimate use of HD content is a complete absence of encryption or DRM. This is profoundly obvious.

#### 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? .:

Nothing will impact the interoperability of devices more than DRM. Adding technology for the purpose of so called "content management" will always increase the cost of electronics, or worse still leave electronics manufacturers no choice than to exclude the function requiring that extra technology.

## 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? :

Yes

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? . :

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 one organisation that should be free of draconian content restriction should be the BBC. The mission statement of the BBC is in direct contradiction with the result of DRM technologies that have been demonstrated time and time again through history.