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Keep name 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:

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Additional comments:

At home I use a Media Center PC to record and then later watch TV content. I tend to work away most of the time and rarely watch live TV and hence the ability to watch TV from any PC in my house is very useful.

As TV content moves from SD to HD this proposed change would completely prevent me from watching TV in this way. There are no safeguards in this proposal about how much of the content would be protected - in fact all of it potentially can be.

Section 3.13 states "The BBC proposes that the unrestricted copy and multiple copy states can be applied to any HD content."

Where in the above statement is any protection for the rights of citizens - all content under this proposal can (and probably will) have copy protection applied.

I am very disappointed with the approach the BBC are taking and do not trust them to do the right thing in this area.

I do not see why I should be forced to continue to pay a license fee when I will be prevented from watching most TV in the future.

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.

I think that DRM would reduce the usefulness of the BBC digital service and make it harder to watch TV that I have already paid for.

I cannot see how this change would benefit the consumer who pays the license fee in the UK.

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. All content will move from SD to HD over the coming few years and this proposal will allow the BBC to add copy protection to all HD content which in time will mean they can copy protect all content transmitted (as SD is removed)

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

No. The format should be left open.

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

No. The format should be left open.

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. Quite the opposite in fact. I also think it is disengenuous to talk about HD content when eventually all content will be HD.

Do I think that the move from the current situation where content is freely available to license payers to a situation where content can be tightly controlled and locked down will safeguard citizens rights - No. In fact I cannot understand how anyone could think that stopping legitimate license payers from watching TV that they have already paid for will help citizens.

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? . :

I have a media center PC at home and this allows me to record freeview content and watch it from almost anywhere in the house. The proposal will prevent me being able to do this. It won't have a negligible impact on cost - it will completely prevent me watching TV in the way that I currently can do. I will not be able to watch the content at all and hence would probably have to buy it again (as BlueRay or similar) even though I have already paid for it.

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? :

Not sure.

This is a highly technical question that is inappropriate to ask in this questionnaire. No consumers care about encoding schemes unless they prevent them consuming media in the

way they wish. I believe that hiding behind this sort of question is inappropriate. Will I be able to watch future content if this change goes through - probably not. The coding scheme is a red herring.

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? . :

No idea.

The permitted use for the different categories is so broad as the BBC would be allowed to protect all content regardless of category.

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 believe that the BBC should not be allowed to apply copy protection on future content (as all content will eventually be HD). If the BBC are allowed to apply this then I no longer feel that I should have to continue to pay a license fee to the BBC as I will be unable to watch content. The BBC should serve the UK license fee payer and not the other way around.