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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? :

I do not agree that limiting the audience of HDTV content by restricting allowable receivers will achieve anything other than limiting the audience.

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. There is no workable solution to "copy management" as the past twenty years have proved. It is particularly insulting that the BBC, who everybody in the country pays to produce content, is now trying to restrict those who view the content. If the BBC decide to narrow the range of people who can receive this content they are failing a section of the population.

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

No. This a very sneaky thing to do.

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

No comment.

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? :

Absolutely not; the opposite is true. Users of free technologies such as MythTV will no longer be able to receive HD content, as it will not be possible for any open developers to receive the appropriate decoding tables. There is no reason that anybody should have to buy new receiving equipment without a technological reason, a fear that the programmes people have paid for now need "copy management" is not a valid reason.

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. Requiring users to buy new equipment has a high monetary and environmental cost, especially when it is considered that this cost will gain the users, in practical terms, nothing.

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 a stakeholder.

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 comment.

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?:

Yes. The BBC's remit is to produce content for the public, funded by the public. Given this, there is absolutely no reason to "manage" what the public do with our content.