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Representing:

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Organisation (if applicable):

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 I do not agree.

I can see it only restricting the content available by making free and easy distribution difficult.

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 - content should not be managed in this way.

The most fair way of allowing people to watch or listen to programming in the digital age is to allow viewers and listeners to choose exactly when and how they watch. this should not be restricted - we are paying for this material through the license fee, after all. if I choose to watch a recording on a portable player, for convenience, or watch much later than the initial broadcast then this must not be restricted.

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

I do not.

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

I do not.

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? :

DRM restrictions hamstring an individual's right to choose how and when they view content and should not be applied

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 do not. It will also restrict the availability and choice of receivers available (being only able to buy in the limited UK market place)

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? :

I do not.

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 for sure, but I would imagine they restrict rather than open-up choice and availability whether through format "wars" or other means.

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 - please note the views of license-fee payers rather than the limited imagination for the scope and possible expansion of digital broadcasting. Lock-off content in this way from the start and it will chill the growth of new technology and of innovation.