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Yes

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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? :

That's just ridiculous. If a program is free to air, it should not have copy protection. DRM, in general, is a plague to legitimate and illegitimate users alike, and doesn't actually impede the latter any more than the former, despite its intentions.

Moreover, allowing arbitrary and harmful limitations like this (and the limitations that it enables greedy or downright stupid legal consultants to place) will only harm the medium being presented, stifling it in the face of consumer demand. The main reason I've lost interest in Doctor Who is that, where I live, it's so far past impossible to watch a special until after it hits stores in America as a DVD. It's a great show, but the BBC has already made access to it extremely finicky or nonexistent to people like me, and DRM would simply make it worse.

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? :

I regret to admit that I'm somewhat undereducated in regards to the particulars of the multiplex license amendment, and I can't really have an opinion on it without knowing whether it conflicts with my principles.

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

Again, my ignorance is my undoing. If I actually knew what the change was, I could tell you.

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

I begin to wonder if this survey isn't simply obnoxiously difficult to answer responsibly on purpose.

All I know is that the threat of DRM is rearing its ugly head in an area where it has absolutely no legitimate purpose to do so, not even a legitimate-sounding pretense. If this is in regards to that, then I am fully against the changes. But I don't know multiplex license agreements by heart, or at all.

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, the more you complicate a system, the more parts there are ready to break. DRM in all its forms throughout history has always been the most fragile element of any media package. This so-called "content management" will create tons of jobs in tech support, but plenty of headaches for everyone else. On top of that, what exactly is it safeguarding from? You can't pirate free broadcasts, it simply doesn't make any semantic sense. The whole reasoning is flawed.

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? .. :

Killing competition and setting up shady monopolies of "certified" equipment? TOTALLY not going to make stuff more expensive and lower quality AT ALL. Sarcasm aside, even if you ignore the multitude technical failures and downtime this will cause, plus, as you managed to remind me, the lack of proper interoperability with other legitimate devices, everything will become more expensive just so it can do the same job but worse than the old equipment, which is no longer compatible with broadcasts.

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 wouldn't know. I'm not a stakeholder. If I *was* a stakeholder, I would sell, sell, and sell some more - get rid of every share before it crashed. While the BBC is the only network ubiquitous enough to be able to pull off this kind of nationwide infrastructural upgrade, it's not really an upgrade. It's paying extra so that other people have the right to arbitrarily censor what content is available to you, not even for what's in the content, but for where you live.

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 another one of the "Don't gauge this by popular opinion, ask someone who actually knows" questions.

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?:

Nope, I think I've pretty much made my point by now. I understand you're under a bit of pressure, but remember that if you give them an inch of this power, they'll take it a hundred miles and make everyone's lives miserable. We already know they're (sorry to put this crudely, but it's really the best way to say it) assholes. Giving them more asshole potential does nobody any good.