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Representing:

Self

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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:

This response is from the point of view of someone who watches quite a lot of TV, but very little of it live, and exclusively uses home made media centre built from standard PC components running the open source PVR system called Myth TV on a Linux operating system.

Fundamentally - if you let the BBC do this - I'm screwed.

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? :

Absolutely NOT.

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? :

Absolutely NOT.

Content management is simply not the right way to address copyright violations. It is akin to assuming I am guilty until proven innocent.

It prevents people with legitimate rights to access content from doing so and does not prevent the pirates from copying things (most, possibly all, CMSs are cracked shortly after implementation and release.)

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

Absolutely NOT.

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

Absolutely 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? :

Absolutely NOT.

There's no point. This "broadcast flag" stuff has been shot down in the USA and isn't happening. Nothing would be safeguarded here as if anyone wanted to pirate a program it would already have been done in the USA and made available on the web before it even gets to air over here.

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? . :

Absolutely NOT.

I build my own Freeview TV viewing machine using open source software and standard PC components. It is a far more capable system than is available off the shelf in the shops.

Interoperability would be reduced to zero and I would have to pay a lot more money for something that did a lot less.

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? :

Absolutely NOT.

I build my own Freeview TV viewing machine using open source software and standard PC components. It is a far more capable system than is available off the shelf in the shops.

This would become either impossible or illegal under these proposals.

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, I'm not a broadcaster.

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 The BBC is supposed to be serving the British public, who pay for their very existance; not Hollywood etc. (whom they are already paying vast sums for the content.)