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**Comments:**

In return for less localness, increased format regulation should be applied to avoid many stations all playing the same 20 songs.

**Proposal 1: regional stations allowed to share programming to become national stations:**

Only on condition that some frequencies are released as part of the deal to allow a widening of choice.

**Proposal 2: creation of a new national multiplex from existing regional multiplexes:**

Once again, this requires format regulation but it will at least help DAB to be viable.

**Proposal 3: co-location within a new set of defined areas:**

At the price of some frequencies being released yes.

**Proposal 4: programme sharing within the newly defined areas:**

Frequency release should be considered as part of the deal.

**Proposal 5: mergers of local multiplexes:**

Ideally coupled with increasing numbers of multiplexes.

**Proposal 6: an enhanced news option for local FM stations:**

Personally I regard commercial radio news as worthless. Local news is so poor any requirement to have it should be dropped. Instead promises to provide quality news should be considered at award and then stations forced to keep their promises or return their licenses.

**Proposal 7: AM stations:**

In particular the "Gold" network should be forced to release what are now many overlapping frequencies for use by another broadcaster as part of the deal.

**Proposal 8: Limited redefinition of contemporary music Formats:**

Against - I believe there should be tighter music formats rigorously enforced.