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What are your comments on these proposals?

Regarding Proposal 3: I am 100% opposed to the notion that FM broadcasts would be switched off, and I therefore object to your efforts to create the "flexibility" that would enable you to do this. There is nothing broken - so don't fix it! FM broadcast is an excellent product, and DAB provides no advantages to listeners, certainly not in terms of sound quality.

Switching off the signal would make junk of millions of radio and hi-fi sets - an utterly needless addition to landfill sites. It is difficult to avoid the suggestion that the driving force behind this idea is the desire of DAB producers to sell more radios. I don't **need** a new radio, thank you very much - I am perfectly happy with the ones I own. The consultation document shows great solicitousness for the interests of current owners of DAB sets (noting that a move to DAB+ would make those sets obsolete) - why then not give equal or more weight to the much greater number of owners of conventional radios?

The prospect of no more FM (and here AM as well) is particularly distressing to people who use old valve radios - typically very beautiful sets such as Pye and Telefunken. Your proposal to shut off the signal threatens not only enjoyment of the radios themselves but entire communities of individuals for whom radios are a central feature of social life.