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**What are your comments on these proposals?**

Am and FM switch off must not take place for many (more than 20) years. Most households have many radios. These cannot be converted for DAB use and will become obsolete when the relevant broadcasting stops. This will generate millions of radios for disposal under the WEEE directive. This is a considerable waste of resources and energy at a time when global warming is a significant consideration. 50% of households having a DAB radio is not the same as 50% of radios in use being DAB. DAB radios are not, and probably never can be, as energy efficient as FM or AM radios. This represents a further waste of resources.

The spectrum used by AM is small and probably not useful for anything other than large-area broadcasting. Its use has international implications due to the areas involved; e.g. Radio Luxembourg.