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What are your comments on these proposals?

6;1 Social gain is still essential, but it should be up to the individual station as to how it chooses to raise its own funding. There should be no restrictions whatsoever. If grants are available they must be sourced but if grants are not available then advertising and sponsorship should be available up to 100%.

It is the end result that matters and not how you get there.

There may be cause for a small restriction on individual sponsorship.

ie:- no single customer or individual may sponsor more than A31000. This would protect the commercial viability of the local commercial station as sponsors could advertise with both stations without anyone losing out. This would be beneficial to the customer, the community and the local station.

ie: Social gain, activities, training and a not-for-profit basis should be enough to prove a stations value in its own community. Ofcom must regulate the 'end result' and not the process of achieving the 'end result'

Bureaucrats and government need to let people "get on with it !!!"

Volunteer time **MUST BE INCLUDED** in the proof of sustainability.

BBC and Commercial Radio services need to be shifted a.s.a.p. to digital format only and analogue spectrums opened up solely & completly for community radio.

With reference to frequency availability this would mean that every town and village in the country could in theory have a community station broadcasting no more than 8 miles on watts.

Individuals and /or corporate bodies should not be permitted to hold more licences as this defeats the object of 'community radio'

One cannot be in two communities at the same time !!

Whether we will ever see a Community Station in every Town is unclear at present, but if it has anything to do with the way this Bill has treated unpaid volunteers its a wonder we've got any community groups left. Most community radio achievements appear to have been achieved via sheer guts and determination and a 'never say die policy' as opposed to orthodox way of o= btaining radio licences.

GET RID OF THE ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS IMMEDIATELY, THEY ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND ARE CREATING GREAT DISTRESS AND ANGUISH TO MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS AND THEIR VOLUNTEERS. VOLUNTARY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH MORE RESPECT, AND COMMERCIAL RADIO NEEDS TO STAND ON ITS OWN TWO FEETOR 'THROW THE TOWEL IN' IT ALSO NEEDS TO STOP WHINGING TO 'ofcom'

Commercial Radio needs its own restrictions and must not be allowed to bend the rules between MCA and TSA. No Station in the Country with a reasonable MCA has the right to claim to be a 'so called small concern' and should not be allowed to impact on community radio.

Secondly, no radio station belonging to a larger group has the right to claim to be a 'smaller station' as this turns the whole basis of restrictions into an absolute debacle. This Bill appears to have a 'one rule for one' policy. It is not acceptable.

Could someone please explain to the commercial radio bigwigs that community radio is not here to threaten commercial radio but to compliment it.

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