

Dear Kevin,

I wish to be included in the Ofcom process concerning the BBC proposal for a further Public Service Channel for the Scottish audience.

I believe that the BBC has shown that it has failed to deliver impartial or balanced service in Scotland over a period of years and has the least audience appreciation according to the BBC audience panels. With STV Group providing the only other Scottish TV broadcast Public Service content the Scottish market place requires true independent impartial Public Service broadcasters not more from the duopoly.

There will also be a negative impact on the audience as a whole as the BBC has announced that it will simulcast other BBC programming so in affect freeze out independent programme makers and moving BBC4 to a less accessible EPG position. Ofcom has a duty to "protect fair and effective competition" when regulating the BBC services.

The BBC's proposals will not support effective and fair competition quite the opposite they will reduce media plurality and reduce competition there is no need for a BBC Scotland channel without undertakings to source/commission a wide range of independent produced programmes. The BBC Scotland channel offers no quota's of independent news & current affair programming or support for independent commissions, this will damage the Scottish production market place. The BBC receives approximately £300 million per year from Scottish TV License payers and they get very little locally produced programmes that reflect their way of life in return. Ofcom has previously highlighted this issue during the BBC Charter Renewal process.

I look forward to hearing back from you and being able to submit evidence during this process.

Regards
David Henry

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