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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

I support the representations made by the Open Rights Group et al who make the arguments better than I can.

Question 1: Do you agree that copy management would broaden the range of HD content available on DTT and help secure its long term viability as a platform? :

As per Open Rights Group

Question 2: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed multiplex licence amendment represents the most appropriate means for securing an effective content management system on HD DTT? :

As per Open Rights Group

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed change to Condition 6 in the Multiplex B Licence? :

As per Open Rights Group

Question 4: Do you agree that Multiplexes C and D should be granted a similar amendment to their Licences as Multiplex B?. :

As per Open Rights Group

Question 5: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed approach for implementing content management would safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use of HD content, and if not, what additional guarantees would be appropriate? :

No. The proposals seem designed to do the exact opposite of safeguard citizens and consumers legitimate use of HD content. The proposals appear to accept comments made by the likes of Rupert Murdoch that 'fair use' is a quaint and outmoded legal concept.

Question 6: Do you agree that the BBC's proposed choice of content management technologies will have only a negligible impact on the cost of HD DTT receivers and their interoperability with other HD consumer equipment? . :

Emphatically no

Question 7: Do stakeholders agree that the BBC's proposed Huffman Code licensing arrangements would have a negligible effect on the market for HD DTT receivers? :

As per Open Rights Group

Question 8: Do the BBC's proposed content management states and their permitted use for different categories of HD content meet the requirements of other HD broadcasters on DTT? . :

As per Open Rights Group

Question 9: Are there any issues that you consider Ofcom should take into account in assessing the BBC's proposal, that have not been addressed by this consultation?:

The fact that the BBC is apparently agreeing to draconian restrictions rejected by broadcasters elsewhere seems to me extremely relevant. Especially in what is supposed to be a public service broadcaster.