I am writing to complain, on Boxing Day! about the repeated proposals to charge users of the airband spectrum for its use.

This is in direct contradiction to air safety as services will be removed and safety will inevitably be diluted.

e.g.

at present approaching a regional airport the ATIS could be monitored and used by any passing traffic, with your money grabbing proposals this service would be priced out of economic use and subsequently safety will be eroded as that information will be no longer easily available in-flight. Of course the present use cannot be measured or monitored so the bean counters will have their way. The alternative is that everyone on frequency will have to have the wx read to them by the ATCO which will subsequently unsafely fill that frequency with repetitive wx reports, the logic is typical of idiotic bureaucrats trying to squeeze every last penny out of everyone in their abuse of power.

This is apparently also resulting in the loss of VHF Nav aids as well, all very well untill the GPS signal is switched off!!!

Sometimes in life you have to take a more adult view and look at the bigger picture and not act like our politicians usually do.

Regards

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