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Dear Charter review

I would like to voice my support for the current licence fee.

I believe this is the best way to fund this service, this fees the bbc from commercial ties which make programme content subject only to the lowest common denominator or to monied interests.

It gives the bbc the ability to please a few (minorities, etc and others) who don't get a voice on other channels.

It gives the uk a forum international thru services such as the world service, from a solid platform whee we all pay and benefit more that the contribution that we individually make - such as the national health service, we all contribute to it in relatively small ways but all get to benefit from the availability of free at point of use health care.

The bbc do a worthwhile job in fulfilling this function, i don't always like it but i am sure there are people who dislike the things i like on the bbc, this is not always the main point. What is vital is that this service is available to me, here and abroad thru radio and web based technolgies.

The Commercial stations or subscription leads to the output such as Sky or itv, channel 4 & 5 is not the breadth and depth of work that the bbc does, as well as memorable moments like the recent commentary on the Rugby world cup on radio 5

The commercial side still needs to be covered by the ethical framework talked about presently, but selling on programmes and stuff like dvd's to reinvest into future programming is wonderful and should continue as long as the thrust is not just to make programmes to sell but to make quality programmes to be output on the station.

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