

12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2003

Dear Tessa Jowell,

## BBC Charter renewal consultation

I wish to participate in the consultation regarding the future of the BBC's funding and regulation, on the occasion of the 2006 Charter Renewal.

### 1. BBC Funding

I view my license fee as wasted money every year. The BBC provides no programme content of any value, on TV, in cyberspace or on radio. Nor is it non-commercial; there is as much advertising on BBC as on the other channels, with the monopoly on advertised products held by the BBC itself.

### 2. The Way Forward re: funding

Option 1: preferred. I would like to see the BBC sold in its entirety to the highest bidder. The resulting revenue would belong to the licence-payer, and should be distributed equally among us, in cash.

Option 2: the minimum requirement. At the very least, the BBC must be reconstituted as a mutual

society, like the Building Societies. It should be legally required to hold annual elections to its Governing body, in which every licence-payer has a vote. It should be forbidden from making a profit. It should be required to obtain a mandate from fee-payers prior to undertaking new ventures. It should be required to run its affairs in the interests of every member.

## 2. Regulation

The BBC's current regulatory framework is failing entirely to moderate the Corporation's activities. This framework must be reformed radically, in a way which places the wishes of fee-payers above the Corporation's own greedy self-interest.

## 3. The Way Forward re: regulation

In each arm of the Corporation (radio, TV, local, internet, commercial, etc), a new body should be constituted, composed of directly elected members of the public. No policy changes, no new commissioning, no activity should be undertaken without these bodies' express consent. Annual re-election of half each bodies' members. License-fee payers' complaints to be addressed by the regulatory bodies.

## Conclusion.

The current position of the BBC is feudal, shameful and disgraceful. I hate the BBC and wish it gone  
Yours etc Sean Goldthorpe