

RODNEY J. SMITH

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Dear Ms Dowell,

Just because Mr Alastair Campbell, Mr Mandelson, Mr Murdoch and Mr Blair do not like the BBC I do not see why an institution, which has done so much for radio and television and is held in such high esteem world wide, should be the subject of being targeted by you and your department over the future of its Charter

My son, daughter, wife and myself are great admirers of the BBC and we do not think it should be interfered with for political reasons by anybody

I am absolutely fed up to the back teeth by the way Mr Blair and the present Labour Government are running this country and after voting Labour for over 50 years it could well be that, if the BBC Charter and licence fee were manipulated or its brief in any way restricted, it would finish my voting Labour

Mr Blair seems to have lost track of the democratic process as he thinks he knows what is best for us all, and his cabinet does not seem bothered as they immerse themselves with spin

Yours sincerely

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