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BBC Charter Review Consultation

I picked up "Your BBC - Your Say" in the library, so I'll start by saying I love the BBC and although I am pensioner (not on the bread line but not rich), I would gladly pay twice the licence fee to keep public service broadcasting. That said I think the BBC has lost it's way a little recently and appears to be chasing ratings.

BBC news I have described as the broadsheets and ITV as the tabloids, but that has not been the case for some time. Channel 4 news became more reliable. There has been improvement in BBC news post Hutton.

There is so much to admire in BBC coverage on documentaries, plays and serials. arts educational programmes and sport. We often forget the enormous coverage of radio both local and national and the world service. I listen to radios 4 , 5 London and the World Service. As an insomniac I regularly view News 24 and educational programmes during the night. Overall I have nothing but positive comments.

Changes in technology? I have recently acquired a "digibox" and loved the Alan Clarke Diaries and a recent "fly on the wall" documentary on BBC 3 so I would like to see digital services extended.

The BBC should continue and extend it's commercial arm BBC worldwide but not take advertising. The licence fee is excellent value for money and BBC needs to make it known that commercial television is costly and paid for by us all in the goods we purchase.

It is difficult for me to comment on the most efficient and effective way for the BBC to organise. Currently it's organisation provides me with good service. It also has to serve a wide and varied audience and cater for all tastes. I enjoy Eastenders and the talented youngsters on Fame academy, and I have to accept that much of what I consider rubbish is wanted by some viewers and listeners.

Recently there has been much discussion on BBC's Governors and I think perhaps the dual role should be looked at.

The BBC should continue to monitor to ensure accountability to the public and parliament, but steadfastly maintain it's independence. However that independence should not be substituted for arrogance which was very clearly shown during the Gilligan fiasco and that was evident even before the Hutton report.

Overall I value the service provided.

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