

BBC Charter Review Consultation
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Re: Charter Review

Dear Sir or Madam

I am just writing to add my view regarding the BBC and the licence fee. Far as I am aware the Britain is the only country in the world were it is required by law to pay for television. I feel very strongly that the BBC should become like any other television channel or radio station and be pay for by commercials.

The reality is that the BBC can not make outstanding television programmes anymore, The BBC will never have the money to make television shows that can be sold around the world in it's original format, television Show like X-Files as Star Trek.

There is an argument that commercials on the BBC will lower quality but I feel that it could also increase quality as the BBC will be under pressure to compete with the other channels and networks.

Secondly, countries like Australia enjoy a good standard of television and yet have seven networks of commercial television.

Thirdly, Sky Television is pay per view but there is an option to have it or not were with the BBC we got to have it even if we do not watch or listen to BBC stations. The Sky argument is week because they do have a lower quality due to the fact that they are more profit orientated.

If the standards of the BBC are lowered by commercials I can not see it being a major drop in standards and maybe the BBC would be working more for the people because it would be free for all.

Your Sincerely



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