

Sent: 13 December 2003 08:25
To: BBC Charter Review
Subject: Fantastic BBC

I think that the BBC does a fantastic job and it seems a shame to spoil it. So far as I can see, being the consumer, they are better at it than anyone else and should be left alone to produce the first class television and radio that they do now.

One can't help wondering whether the review will simply be a chance for the government of the day to get the BBC to tow the line and avoid them embarrassing our leaders. All the rubbish over Iraq in the summer has left me with the very strong impression that the feeling in Parliament was to "reign in the BBC" at the first opportunity and here it is.

I pay for cable TV, watch adverts on all other terrestrial channels and then also pay a TV license. Of course I would like to pay less, but if I choose to I can. The basic package if you like is a TV license. If all other minimum packages were as good, there would be no premium services anywhere. I appreciate that not everyone would agree and the shame of this is that as usual in our penny pinching and not so great anymore country, we stand to lose something else unique and outstanding, because I suspect, given the choice, people would rather only pay for the TV service that they want.

So, give us a choice about TV, while selling the country down the river to Europe or whoever else wants it and hope that we won't notice being so pleased with our new and improved TV service.

Bruce Westgate