

BBC Charter Review  
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Dear Sirs

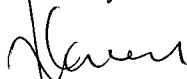
It is obvious that the BBC is an ever growing organisation, fed by a tax on all who watch any form of television. Can you imagine paying a "Newspaper License" to read the Sun or The Times even though all the cash goes to, eg The Guardian?

My solution. As a believer in some public service television I would write into the new charter the requirement for the BBC to "down-size" within two years to just two terrestrial channels, two digital channels and two radio channels. If it is decided to have a world service then the Foreign Office can pay.

All the remaining services should be sold or shut down, including the regional programmes, where we are supposed to be keen here to see what goes on in, say, Weymouth.

I do not know the savings, but I would guess that the license would come down to around £50. This could be fixed with no account of inflation, and any shortfall made up by advertising. I think the BBC are preparing for this now, judging by the prolific advertising done now between programmes.

Yours faithfully



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