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Dear Ms Jewell,

I understand that the BBC Charter is still under consideration prior to its being allowed a 10 year extension.

There are a number of points I could raise hoping to improve the performance of this Channel. However I

feel obliged to raise the issue ↓

the sports coverage.

The BBC appears to be obsessed with soccer almost to the exclusion of other sports. This was brought home last week-end when England won the international Hong Kong Sevens ~~rugby~~ rugby tournament. It was almost impossible to gain any news of this event on BBC when England triumphed.

We had blanket coverage of soccer events and of the Australian Grand Prix where an Englishman could only gain a fourth

position. English successes tend to be rare in any events so surely the seven's achievement might <sup>merit</sup> some mention?

I am of the opinion that B.C.C. programmes should be available to all tastes which at present does not appear to be the case. The Charter renewal appears to be a case of trusting to chance whether the programmes will be of a consistent high standard. Shouldn't the Charter only be renewed for, say, 5 years just in case the <sup>performance</sup> & promised by the Director General fails to materialise in which case a re-submission would be called for.

Your sincerely,  
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