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I understand that Tessa Jowell has asked for submission of views as to whether the ban on Christians applying for national broadcasting licences should be lifted.

I take this to mean Christian organisations applying for licences for Christian broadcasting stations.

Given that nobody need listen to such stations unless they choose to, and that any inflammatory or derogatory content would be against God's law by which we are voluntarily bound, as well as contrary to British law by which we have the privilege also to be bound, I cannot understand why a ban on such stations should even be contemplated.

It is becoming increasingly plain from such things as the B.B.C. appointing an agnostic to be Head of religious Broadcasting, that the "big boys and girls" of the media have no real commitment to any creed or belief at all.

I feel very deeply that the teachings of Jesus, properly and lovingly presented, can only be a positive influence in a modern society which seems bereft of moral guidelines and criteria to live by.

In the last resort you will always have the right to withdraw the licence(s) in the unlikely event that such a station were to "go wrong". So I urge you, indeed I beg of you, that the existing ban be lifted.

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