



Christian
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Council

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Media Consultation
Dept of Culture, Media & Sport
2-4 Cockspur Street
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Dear Sir/*Madam*,

**Response to consultation concerning the
OFCOM Bill and the New Broadcasting Bill**

The Christian Broadcasting Council of the United Kingdom represents people involved in a broad cross section of broadcasting and also people who support Christians in broadcasting and the electronic media.

The Council believes that Parliament should take the opportunity, in any future legislation, to remove the ban which at present prevents religious persons and bodies from applying for national and regional analogue and digital terrestrial TV services and licences for analogue and digital national and digital local radio services.

The Council does not believe that Her Majesty's Government should exclude people from applying for broadcasting industry licences on grounds of race, sex or religion.

There is overwhelming opposition to such a ban on Christians throughout the Christian Church in the UK as clearly demonstrated by the numerous petitions already received by Her Majesty's Government.

The Christian Broadcasting Council of the UK urges Her Majesty's Government in its proposals for future legislation on Broadcasting to establish a level playing field for Christians to apply for a licence to broadcast.

Yours faithfully

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