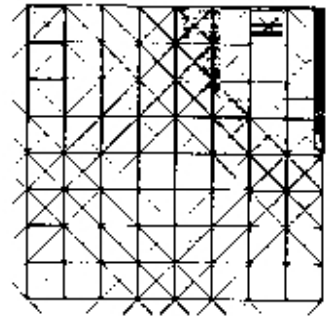


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Dear Mr Dawes

Ref: Present Discrimination against Religious Groups Holding National Radio/Tv Broadcasting Licences.

We apologise that this letter exceeds the closing date for comments by a few days and trust our 180 voices will not be ignored.

We are against the present laws that prohibit Christian Religious Groups from holding national broadcasting licences for the following reasons.

1. It denies many, many people from hearing/ seeing programmes that are free from speech/action that does not offend their moral beliefs and desire for wholesome content. Bad language and sexual innuendo make up so much of present day commercial broadcasting, an imbalance that Christian based broadcasting will correct. There can be no 'plurality of voices' while Christian religious groups are banned from national broadcasting.
2. There are no valid reasons for continuing this discrimination, a form of persecution, which puts Britain at variance with most other European countries.
3. Only Christian broadcasting extols the virtue of the 'love your neighbour' ethic which fosters racial understanding and bridges all racial divides.
4. The present discrimination discourages British Christian media firms from competing in a world-wide multi-million industry.

We would appreciate your confirmation that our response will be included in the Consultation. Thank you!

Yours sincerely

Ron Davies. For and on behalf of D. Bucceri, P. Young, E. Rowlands (Pastoral Team) and members New Life Christian Fellowship, Margate.

Cc to The Rt. Hon. Roger Gale MP.