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Dear Mary Hayward

..... I enclose a copy of the paper Consultation on Media Ownership Rules, which is being published today by my Department and the DTI.

This paper builds on the proposals outlined in the White Paper A New Future for Communications last December. The White Paper made fewer commitments in the area of media ownership than on other issues, but what it did say prompted a large number of responses during the consultation period, including one from your organisation. We have taken some time to consider all the opinions we have received. This paper sets out our principles in greater detail, and puts forward some options for reform.

We are keen to get this right so that our legislation stands the test of time in a rapidly changing marketplace. The changes we make must aid the long-term development of a competitive market whilst making sure that citizens can receive a diversity of content from a plurality of sources.

We would now welcome your views on the options that we discuss in this consultation paper. If possible, please email your response, in rich text or MS Word format, to [ownershipconsultation@culture.gov.uk](mailto:ownershipconsultation@culture.gov.uk). Alternatively, post it to: Media Ownership Consultation Responses, Broadcasting Policy Division, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur St, London SW1Y 5DH. The deadline for responses is 25 January. The document is also available online at [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk)

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