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I wish to express my dismay at the currently poor transmission rates being experienced via DAB radio, and my disbelief that I can actually receive higher quality transmissions via my television receiver.

Superficially the bit-rates appear to be on a par with accepted rates for MP3 and AAC. However the transmission standard used by DAB is much less technologically proficient than these two standards, and the resulting sound quality cannot be compared.

Perhaps a cull is needed of the current broadcasters that choose to transmit program material of very dubious quality so that transmission quality can be restored to the standards that organisations such as yourselves attempt to persuade the paying public it is.

If there is not the bandwidth to maintain transmissions at better than MW quality, perhaps your organisation should be a bit more realistic about what can be done with such a medium. Perhaps those stations that also broadcast on freeview can be removed.

The same arguments also apply to the poor transmission quality of television by freeview.

As someone whose first employment was at the BBC research department at the time when DAB was being developed, I am saddened to witness these falling standards.

regards,

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