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Response from Voice of the Listener & Viewer to DCMS's Consultation on

Exemptions to the Video Recordings Act and on Advertising in Cinemas

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The Voice of the Listener & Viewer welcomes the decision to follow up the Bailey Review suggestions in the area of limiting the exemptions under the Video Recordings Act.

We accept the validity of the Mumsnet research in relation to genres of video which were previously exempt, particularly some music, sport and education (in the field of documentary).

We would therefore support the implementation of Part B, Option 2 in the consultation document, which would lower the exemptions threshold, but without inhibiting creativity in these genres.

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Cover sheet for response to a DCMS consultation

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