

Dear Press Recognition Panel,

As an ordinary member of the public I am very concerned that the suggestions of the Leveson enquiry are not implemented. Frankly I am very pessimistic that anything very substantial will be agreed given our current government's relationship with what is a largely right wing press that supported it in the recent election and the general behaviour of the tabloid press who see it as a right to print any lie or cause any damage to individuals in the rush to sell copies.

I am also concerned that certain sections of the media have too substantial market share, which diminishes the range of opinion within the media. I particularly refer to the Murdoch empire.

Not only does there seem to be a complete lack of diligent fact finding and balance of opinion in most sections of the press, they are tardy to correct wrongs and rarely give the same space to setting the record right as they used in the offending article. This should be mandatory. Grossly misleading headlines, bearing scant relationship to the facts of the article are also a problem..

In short I would support the full implementation of Leveson's suggestions, with very high damages for individuals who have been wrongly defamed by the press and a rule that articles refuting allegations and correcting mistakes be made within 7 days of the original article.