

Dear Sir/Madam

What is the point in spending millions of pounds on hearings and consultations if when an independent conclusion is reached the findings are not implemented. It just makes a mockery of our democratic process. If governments (of any colour) want to get the general public to engage with our system and believe in it, then they MUST act honourably. Unless it can be shown, that in the intervening time since the publication of the Leveenson enquiry, the situation with press regulation has changed so dramatically as to make the implementation of his main recommendations obsolete, then the government must enact them. Otherwise it will appear that the government is in the pocket of the press.

This is what was stated, and I am in full agreement with it.

***"With some measure of regret, therefore, I am driven to conclude that the Government should be ready to consider the need for a statutory backstop regulator being established, to ensure, at the least, that the press are subject to regulation that would require the fullest compliance with the criminal and civil law, if not also to ensure consequences equivalent to those that would flow from an independent self-regulatory system."***

Any Government must always enact the will of parliament. This is so fundamental to our democracy, that to do any thing else will cause anarchy. Therefore at the very least Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act MUST be brought into effect. This was what parliament intended.

Yours faithfully

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