

Dear PRP,

I understand that you will be reporting to Parliament on the state of the press regulatory system in the autumn, and that you are carrying out a public consultation before doing so.

My e-mails were hacked and two of the largest UK newspaper groups paid me and the charity I worked for compensation as a result. As part of the settlement, I was allowed to say that I felt vindicated.

I gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry Part 1, but was told that some of my evidence would be held over until Part 2, for which I have been waiting for a very long time.

I fully understand that the majority of those who control the press in this country are determined not to implement Lord Justice Leveson's sensible and reasonable recommendations, and have set up IPSO, which is simply the child of the discredited Press Complaints Council, in a bid to carry on as usual. I also believe that you are currently considering whether to recognise IMPRESS.

Regardless of your decision on IMPRESS, in your report to Parliament, I hope that you will urge the government to implement the key 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act), which should be brought into effect as Parliament has intended without any further delay.

I also hope that the PRP will remind government what the Leveson Report said should happen if the industry tried to veto his recommendations and refused to comply. The Leveson Report says: "... if some or all of the industry are not willing to participate in effective independent regulation, my own concluded view is to reject the notion that they should escape regulation altogether. I cannot, and will not, recommend another last chance saloon for the press. 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."

Finally, I am sure that the PRP understands that the Leveson process remains unfinished. I strongly urge the PRP to advocate the setting up of Part 2 of the Public Inquiry without further prevarication.

Yours sincerely,

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