

The disdain with which certain sections of the press regard the rights of others and the existing voluntary regulation is evidenced by the response of the Sun newspaper to the recent ruling on the Monarch's view on our membership of the European Union.

Leveson was clear that statutory regulation should be introduced if some of the industry was not willing to participate in effective independent regulation. As this is evidently so, statutory regulation should be introduced and your Panel should strongly recommend to Parliament that the key 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act) should be brought into effect as Parliament had intended.

Sincerely

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