

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am concerned that the regulatory system proposed by Lord Leveson appears to have been abandoned. It seems to this taxpayer that the toothless industry-controlled press regulator, the so-called Independent Press Standards Organisation, is to become the official regulator. We have seen what happened when this system ran the show last time. Things went badly wrong and Lord Leveson's enquiry and recommendations offered a promising way forward.

However, the big newspapers have gone their own way, and we are back to square one. Lord Leveson's report anticipated that this may happen and said that if it did, Parliament needed to act to implement a compulsory recognition system. As a carrot to match this stick he proposed a system of "cost-shifting" system of official arbitration to replace the expensive trials that now take place.

I urge the PRP to recommend to Parliament and the Government that the stalled section 40 is "commenced" as soon as possible, as it is integral to the system of recognition & incentives system that holds the solution to problem of continuing intrusion and improper behaviour among sections of the fourth estate.

Kind regards,

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