

The Press Recognition Panel (PRP) 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.

Back in 2012 in his report, Leveson anticipated the possibility that the corporate press industry would refuse to establish a system of independent self-regulation that met his criteria. And that is exactly what is happening. What's worse is that the Government is now also blocking the coming into effect of the main incentive - a law passed by Parliament in 2013 that would guarantee access to justice for victims of libel and press intrusion. It was designed by Leveson to encourage the big newspapers to join a recognised self-regulator.

The fact is that a number of press companies have fought Leveson's recommendations. The result is there is no independent regulation of the press and the press is continuing to abuse its power in and in an unjust and unfair way to further its own interests to the detriment of others.