

Consultation committee

Levenson MUST be implemented in full. A regulatory system that is voluntary is by its nature toothless. If publishers only have to say sorry, where is the redress, especially where the story is front page one, and the apology in font 5 on page 23.

There needs to be a full implementation of stage two Levenson. It is well known that papers tend to have views on common subjects and have no reticence in providing a story that supports their view but lacks truth.

All publishers must keep to the law, and be bound by it, a regulation that has no teeth, will not act as a deterrent. There must be punishment that matches the falsification or unwarranted intrusion that Levenson tried to investigate. To publish must mean that they agree to the code or cease publishing.

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