

Dear Press Recognition Panel,

I am a member of the public, a supporter of the Royal Charter and have a longstanding interest in ensuring that the Leveson Report is delivered fully and effectively. I have considered the consultation and read Hacked Off's submission to the PRP consultation, a copy of which is [here](#). I am writing firstly to say that I back Hacked Off's submission, prepared with the input of victims of press abuse. I hope you will take note of this.

In order to regulate credibly, the regulator must consist of a board of learned people, the majority of which must have no ties to the press. The Press has shown itself broadly incapable of self-regulation so, whilst the Press should be represented on a disciplinary committee, they should be in a minority, much in the same way as my own regulator, The ARB, function. It is only by true independence that any regulator will restore the public's faith that what is published is likely to be true.

The PRP must take this opportunity to protect the public from an amoral press and resist the pressure from unscrupulous press barons. Stand firm.

yours faithfully

Chris Francis