

Dear Sirs,

I note that you are consulting and seeking input/views regarding the issue of press regulation. I was one of the many members of the public who was horrified by the behaviour of the press and followed the Leveson enquiry closely.

I should comment that it is obvious from their actions that the press in general, and the big players in particular, have rejected the findings of Leveson and are not respecting the will of the people or Parliament.

Leveson foresaw this situation and in his report said what should happen if there was refusal to comply with the recommendations, to quote:

....."if some or all of the industry are not willing to participate in effective independent regulation, my own concluded view is to reject the notion that they should escape regulation altogether. I cannot, and will not, recommend another last chance saloon for the press. With some measure of regret, therefore, I am driven to conclude that the Government should be ready to consider the need for a statutory backstop regulator being established, to ensure, at the least, that the press are subject to regulation that would require the fullest compliance with the criminal and civil law, if not also to ensure consequences equivalent to those that would flow from an independent self-regulatory system."

I strongly believe that Parliament should be reminded by the PRP of this and they should be encouraged to act now to deal with a cynical press.

Notwithstanding any other developments, the PRP should strongly recommend to Parliament that the key ***'guaranteed access to justice incentive'*** i.e. Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act should be brought into effect as Parliament intended, and the public expected.

I appreciate that this is a highly politicised issue being treated with cynicism by many, but it really is time for Leveson to be fully implemented and we move on to a new era of press responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

BW Dennis