

Hello, my name is John Killick, and I am writing to express my concern regarding the lack of progress in implementing the recommendation of the Leveson enquiry.

A great deal of public money was spent holding the enquiry, into the methods of operation of the press. Many ordinary people, and celebrities, had their lives ruined by an unfettered press who printed completely false stories and invaded private lives and hacked into their phones.

I am aware that little has changed in the way the press behave. The self regulation has not worked therefore I believe it is imperative that the full recommendations of the Leveson report are implemented.

So far, it has not worked. Whether or not IMPRESS is recognised, many relevant publishers have decided to stay outside the recognised system in order to try to continue the old failed system. Leveson – while offering one last voluntary chance to get their house in order - anticipated that this may happen and said that if it did, Parliament needed to act. The PRP should take the opportunity of its report to remind Parliament of Leveson's words on this matter.

He said: *"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 urge the PRP to recommend to Parliament and the Government that section 40 is **"commenced" as soon as possible, as it is integral to the system of recognition & incentives system.**

Best Regards,

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