

Dear Press Recognition Panel,

I understand that you are consulting the public on what we think about the current state of press regulation following the Leveson report and how you should report this to Parliament.

The Leveson report was quite clear that, if some of the industry were unwilling to participate in independent regulation, a statutory backstop regulator should be established. Regardless of whether you recognise IMPRESS, it is clear to me that a significant part of the industry is indeed unwilling to participate and you have no alternative but to 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 intended.

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