

Dear PRP,

I was moved to join the hacked off campaign after being sickened by the way that Christopher Jeffries a truly innocent man, was all but crucified by the Gutter Press, predominantly owned by Murdoch. As I followed the Leveson Enquiry I really was astonished to learn of the depths of depravity that British newspapers had stooped, in order to sell newspapers. There was no public interest here, just lies and invasion of privacy on a wholly unjustifiable scale and level. Quite simply I was appalled. The Leveson Enquiry wasn't just a long and as far as it could be, in depth inquiry into the misbehaviour of the press. It was more this, it was an opportunity to stop the abuses of the press once and for all. This Golden Opportunity, opposed by the very newspaper cartels that it exposed; and by the very government that is elected to represent the electorate is slipping away.

What's worse is that the Government is now also blocking the coming into effect of the main incentive - a law passed by Parliament in 2013 that would guarantee access to justice for victims of libel and press intrusion. It was designed by Leveson to encourage the big newspapers to join a recognised self-regulator. Please do not let this happen on your watch. I feel it is your duty to recommend the following action as a minimum when you report to parliament.

1. Parliament should be reminded by the PRP what the Leveson Report said should happen if the industry tried to veto his recommendations and refused to comply. The Leveson Report says: "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."
2. In the meantime, regardless of whether IMPRESS is recognised by the PRP, the PRP should strongly 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 had intended.

It really is high time that the seemingly corrupt and self-serving media cartels are brought into line with standards of behaviour expected of them by the public. Making these recommendations will be a good start along this path. So will recommending that a second Levinson Enquiry takes place to look at issues that couldn't be investigated at the time due to legal reasons.

Regards

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