

Dear PRP

As a member of the public I wish to contribute my views to your public consultation on press regulation. From your website information you have asked two questions about the current system and the proposed voluntary system.

I wish to state the following in response:

I do not believe a voluntary system is sufficient to allow proper meaningful justice and redress to individuals and organisations who are wronged by the press. I am not satisfied with the current arrangements and consider them a failure. The Leveson recommendations made it clear that if not all members of the press took part in an effective independent scheme then the government should legislate to introduce a statutory scheme. I do not consider that all the press have signed up to an effective scheme and therefore wish to see parliament legislate to introduce a statutory scheme.

One example of what I consider would be effective would be a scheme where if a print newspaper was found by an independent body to have printed an untruth on its front page, then the apology should also be on the front page. I also believe that financial compensation should be of a scale that are meaningful and act as a deterrent. A £1000 fine is inconsequential to a multi-million pound business. A six or seven figure sum is not.

I do not give permission to publish my name but should you wish to publish any of this response that is fine.

Regards,

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Member of Public