
ATTN: Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP re: Leveson Inquiry

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The Prime Minister
The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP
By Email

Dear Keir,

We are writing to ask you to respond positively to the victims of phone hacking and press abuse who have [recently requested](#) a meeting with you to discuss press reform.

Our national media landscape favours a handful of wealthy individuals who own press outlets, and the lack of sufficiently robust regulation has left members of the public vulnerable to ongoing harm and lacking proper recourse to justice. Our democracy needs an independent press that is held to high standards of ethics and accuracy. Without this, we risk an erosion of trust in the institutions we are meant to rely on. Too many people have been harmed by the press through discrimination, disinformation and intrusion that largely go unchallenged. We urge you to take action to put an end to this.

In 2012, the Leveson report found that the behaviour of the press was "outrageous" and in need of regulation and reform; however, since then, little has been done to address the findings of the report. Leveson Part Two, which was meant to investigate specific examples of press abuse along with public officials' relationships with the press, was cancelled in 2018 by the Conservative Government. At the time, Labour had opposed that decision and supported re-establishing Leveson Part Two. We hope that your government will follow through on that commitment.

Your Culture Secretary has said that the "landscape has changed", but the reality is that across print, online and apps, which are all covered by the Leveson recommendations, more people read newspapers today than ever before. Yet instead of joining an independent regulator, these powerful publishers are marking their own homework under IPSO, a complaints handler that has never investigated or fined a single newspaper in over ten years.

She has said that we need to protect free speech. We agree. That is why we support the Leveson system, which would ban political interference in press regulation— unlike IPSO, the status quo, which is controlled by the press and chaired by a former Conservative Peer.

As the victims state in their letter to you:

"No individual or family should have to suffer the kinds of distress and trauma that we have endured. Yet every day more people are affected by the unethical, and sometimes illegal behaviour, of an industry which remains above the law."

Therefore, we ask you to please urgently prioritise meeting with this group of victims, listen to their lived experiences, and take decisive action to prevent such harm from happening again by honouring your commitment to Leveson Part Two.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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