

Submission to the Leveson Inquiry
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Potential sanctions for publications breaching codes of conduct.

It's my belief that while apologies and corrections have their place, substantial and repeated breaches of regulations require financial sanctions.

Rather than a regulatory body fining media outlets, I believe that mandatorily suspending publication for a day or longer period would prove effective - with an agreed statement published before or after the suspension, as advertising revenue comprises the majority of newspapers' revenues.

The model for this is the occasional order for football matches to be played without supporters being admitted after disorder or other rules breaches.

Statement of Truth

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed Aidan Byrne

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