

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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