

Dear Sirs,

I welcome the majority of the aspects of the proposed reform to defamation law in Scotland. However, I have some reservations.

For example, the notion of public interest defence - while welcome - is too weak and lacks robustness in its current form.

I also think that corporations should not have a right to sue under the new law. Corporations are not people - they have no personal life, individual psychology or bodily integrity. Corporations do have ready access to other forms of redress that are more suited to their situation than defamation actions, such as laws governing contracts, fair competition, falsehoods and misleading advertising.

Regards,

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