

Dear Law Commission,

I am pleased to see that you are consulting on reform of the defamation Law. I welcome your proposals which are, in the main very acceptable.

I notice that you have introduced a Public Interest defence which is good but it seems to me that the proposed wording is not quite as strong as the Public Interest defence in the 2013 Defamation Act which covers England and Wales. Could you not ensure that the Scottish wording is as strong as the England and Wales wording.

Best Wishes

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