

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to learn that there are plans to reform defamation law in Scotland. It is good to see that the bill includes a test to ensure that defamation must cause serious harm, that there is a sensible time limit on bringing defamation claims. I also welcome the fact that public bodies cannot sue for defamation. However the public interest defence is not as strong as it could be and it appears that corporations still have the right to sue. In my view corporate bodies are somewhat different to private individuals so it is difficult to see what interest is served by allowing them to sue under defamation laws.

Yours sincerely

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