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Justice clause

Q18: What, if any, changes would you recommend IMPRESS make to this clause?

6.2 needs some punctuation, since the right to anonymity of victims of sexual assault arises from the moment of an allegation and is independent of whether there are any criminal proceedings. I would also change 'assault' to 'offences' since sexual assault is a specific crime, and excludes rape and the many other sexual offences.

Q19: What recommendations would you make for guidance to this clause?

A list of sexual offences should be included from the Sexual Offences Amendment Act 1992 and Sexual Offences Amendment Act 2000.

Q28: Are there any other issues that you believe the IMPRESS Code Committee should include in its Standards Code? If so, please explain why these issues are important and how they could best be addressed in a standards code.

It's not a missing issue, but I think that a one-page version of the ethical obligations, written in the first person, would be of great value to small publishers and individual journalists. A detailed guidance booklet, with worked examples of how the Code should be applied by publishers, journalists, and people with a grievance, should also be available. A model may be found in the Guidance and Standards on Sex, Sexuality and Relationships which has been adopted by various healthcare professions: there are different versions of the Guidance for people who have different roles and different training.

Q29: Do you agree the IMPRESS draft Standards Code is a practical working tool which enables journalists, editors and publishers to do their jobs?

Agree

Q30: Do you agree that the IMPRESS draft Standards Code is easily understood by the public?

Agree

Q31: Do you agree that the IMPRESS draft Standards Code is enforceable through regulation?

agree