

# Engaging the media on the media appeals tribunal matter

As an ordinary citizen (not a media person, nor a high-ranking ANC member) I would like to engage the editor [and the media] on the [media appeals tribunal](#) matter, seeing as the [editorial](#) [on Bizcommunity.com], for two releases, has gone on about the negative impact this proposed tribunal will have on media freedom.

As mentioned, I do not have much media knowledge, but in as far as I understand matters right now, the print media is self regulating, only answerable to the [Press] Ombudsman. While the Press Council is in existence, it does not hold much power or authority when it comes to media regulation.

I am all for media freedom and if the ANC-led government wants to [curtail] this freedom, I will fight to my last breath for its survival, but I need the people with the knowhow and inside info in the media to tell me why it is so important for the media, particularly print media, to be self-regulating. IF they already follow good ethical conduct and are not pushing an agenda that is "witch-hunting"-style journalism, which cooks up "facts".

[Here's a link] to an [article written by one of the ANC members](#) on the matter. I beg that you read it and constructively respond to it (to me) with facts, and realistic arguments. I beg that you apply logic in your response, and show me YOUR side of the story.

Regards  
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Note: this letter has been adapted, with permission, from a letter to the managing editor emailed on Tuesday morning, 3 August 2010.

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