

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL**

**SUBMISSION FROM KATE RAMSAY**

I oppose this bill and its contents as it takes away a person's freedom to disagree which is a fundamental human right. If a person is offended by something you say to them that should not be regarded as a criminal act. Every person has the right to free speech and everyone has the right to agree or disagree. We cannot reach a point where you are frightened to say something that someone might be offended by to find yourself charged with committing a crime. It is just inconceivable.

Kate Ramsay  
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