

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM WILLIAM P. HUNTER**

This is a totally unnecessary piece of legislation. It is detrimental to the freedom of speech & thought that we have striven so hard to achieve. There already exists, a plethora of other pieces of legislation which are ample to deal with any offences of a racist or discriminatory nature.

This legislation is ill considered, ill thought out and very poorly presented and put together. It will create far more problems than it seeks to prevent. It is very "Orwellian" in nature and seeks to control our freedoms.

I am of the, very strong, opinion that this bill should not, ever, be passed.

William P. Hunter  
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