

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM BRIAN SMITH

Stirring up offences. 6.

This Bill does not protect free speech nor does it come anywhere near making the distinction between rational argument and rabble-rousing that Lord Bracadale's Review recommends. Criminal law already covers threatening or abusive behaviour. No new law is required.

Brian Smith
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