

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM TONY BOWN

Dear Sir

I think that Freedom of Speech is insufficiently protected by the bill.

Debate is essential for democracy.

Stirring up hatred is despicable but should only be a crime if intended. It should not be a crime to say something that someone else disagrees with in debate.

I agree with the Christian Institute on this bill.

Tony Bown

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