

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM ALASDAIR FORSYTH

Dear Justice Committee,

I am a concerned Scot, noting my objection to the Hate Crime and Public Order Bill. I reference the arguments made by Fred Mackintosh QC (<https://www.scottishlegal.com/article/fred-mackintosh-qc-practical-problems-with-the-hate-crime-and-public-order-bill>) and I quote in particular:

"Are Scottish Ministers clear that, as currently drafted, the bill will criminalise conduct even when the accused had no reason to believe that what they have said or written would be heard or seen outside their home?"

My hope is that the committee considers the wisdom of this law further.

Yours sincerely,

Alasdair Forsyth
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