

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM ALAN MACDONALD

Dear Sir/ Madam.

While no right-minded individual would disagree with the need to have Hate Crime Laws, surely freedom of speech needs to be protected. If people can't have the right to disagree or discuss issues important to them then you are turning us into a state no better than North Korea, where people can't openly disagree; how can you complain about what China is doing in Hong Kong when you want to introduce the same thing here. Apart from that Scotland's crime figures are appalling and the police understaffed, surely tackling real crimes instead of running around arresting people because an individual got upset about something would be a better use of resources. Please think carefully before you put in this disgusting situation.

Regards, Alan Macdonald

Alan Macdonald
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