

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM W.A. MCCLEAN

It is of great importance that individuals have the right to hold and discuss their beliefs without fear of reprisal of any nature. This has been the case down through the ages and any opposition to this freedom smacks of authoritarianism and basic human rights. We live in a free country and such rights must be strongly defended. The media is currently referring to many world nations where freedom of speech and such liberties have been taken away which has led to great misery and deprivation. What helps make Britain GREAT is our freedom to speak freely without fear of reprisal.

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