

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM PAUL MCMILLAN

I find it truly horrific and horrifying that this Bill is even being considered in its present state.

This is an absolute outrageous attack on free speech. Even if I tell a scientific undeniable fact that there are only two genders then that could be classed as against the law? This is at best a draconian attack on our civil liberties to freely and frankly discuss anything at all, at worst this is the death of free speech and our civil liberties ever seen in Scotland.

This bill CANNOT be allowed to pass, ever. Comedians will be criminals for telling edgy jokes, JK Rowling could be jailed for speaking up for woman's rights as to not letting pre-op trans woman in to women's domestic abuse shelters or rape crisis shelters or woman's changing rooms.

This bill is genuinely worrying that it's even being considered as we as a society will not be able to discuss even contentious topics without the police being informed simply because someone had their feelings hurt.

This genuinely needs to be halted now before we lose our hard-won civil liberties and our dearly held free speech.

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