

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM ERICA CLARK

Hi

In response to the call for views I would like to submit the following.

I am concerned that this new bill could be unwittingly committed by someone who did not intend to stir up hatred. Religious views and beliefs on morality are matters on which people can have various debates and change their minds on. We want to continue to live in a free society to protect anyone from being charged just for discussing views.

This bill should reflect the and show the distinction between legitimate debate and rabble rousing.

Best wishes

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