

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL**

**SUBMISSION FROM JOHN MACLEOD**

With reference to the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (and particularly to Question 6 of the Consultation Paper) I wish to make the following submissions:

- There is already a sufficiency of criminal law on our statute books to cover abusive behaviour likely to cause fear or alarm at both a public and a private level. No new law is required.
- If it is deemed absolutely essential that this Bill be enacted into law, it will be necessary that protection be afforded to preachers of the gospel who preach in a spirit of holy love that
  - a) there is but one living and true God, namely the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ;
  - b) Jesus Christ is THE way, THE truth and THE life:
  - c) homosexual behaviour is sinful.

Kind regards  
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