

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM CARA NAISMITH

Good afternoon

I am writing to express my concern over the upcoming hate crime bill in Scotland. I believe it endangers free speech and cannot possibly do what it sets out to protect. Where will the lines be drawn between disagreement and hate crime? In an online world that leaves little room for nuance or tone I worry that this bill will simply aggravate instead of bringing any justice or peace that it seeks to do.

I am strongly opposed to the bill.

Kind regards
Cara

Cara Naismith
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