

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM CAROLINE CARLIN

Please do not let this bill pass as it will undermine all the good work that has been achieved over decades. Scottish people will be ruined over a ignorant or thoughtless action and it will lead to resentment and more phobic and racist actions. Only lobby groups have been consulted on this matter not the general public.

Please don't let Scotland, a beacon of light, slip into a Orwellian nightmare of totalitarianism that punishes for hurt feelings. This bill will be used to stifle any debate the government doesn't like and will turn Scotland into a country void of inquiring debate. If hatred is not debated and called out by peaceful means it will fester in the dark and make many racists and phobics.

This bill is at odds with European law and would be problematic when Scotland rejoined the EU.

We should live in a country that should not be afraid to argue, rather than lock people up and ruin their lives for a opposing belief. Without freedom of thought there is no freedom !

Caroline Carlin
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