

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM JANICE HAGGERTY

I am absolutely against this proposal as I think that not only does it interfere with free speech but it also leaves me in a position that someone can assume what I mean when I am having a conversation . I am not or ever have been a racist or someone who would deliberately hurt or offend anyone , but I think this proposal is a step to far and is taking the right to discuss different thoughts and opinions away from me . For example if I went into a shop and the cashier counted my change incorrectly , and I jokingly said I think you need to go back to school she or he could assume I was mocking them.

In fact I really think it is political correctness gone mad.

Janice Haggarty
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