

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM GEZ PARKS**

I do not want the updates in this bill to be voted into law.

“Stirring up hatred” for example to become an offence is crazy. While it may be well intentioned in theory, in reality it will be used like a broad net against free speech and that cannot happen.

Age, transgender identity and Characteristics of sex... none of these things need to be more specifically outlined and refined when it comes to law and police powers.

Gez Parks

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