

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM MARGARET ELDER

I am seriously concerned that the draft of this Bill will prevent the normal, healthy debate a democracy should allow.

Disagreement does not mean either "hate" or a "threat". No one should be assumed to be wishing harm on others by expressing a different view.

I am not convinced there are suitable safeguards in this proposed legislation.

Margaret Elder
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