

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM ANTHONY LULHAM**

Dear sir/madam.

I am writing with reference to the Scottish parliament bill on hate speech to be debated for law. Such a bill is a fundamental abuse of the right for free speech. It is also a bill that has a slippery slope argument that if it's an arrestable offense for saying X, then saying Y should also be illegal. Thus the law can be expanded beyond reasonable vision to, "if any person says anything that may have caused offense or distress to any other person, that is a crime."

As it is often said, I dont like what you say but I'll defend your right to say it. There can only be free speech.

Also it's blatantly sexist to include misogyny and not misandry in the bill. I thought women were to be treated equally not as a special separate class.

Thank you,

Anthony Lulham.  
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