

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM MAX WEIR**

Good afternoon,

I would like to voice my opposition to the "Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill".

While I think freedom of speech does not grant someone the right to abuse it in terms of hatred, I still believe it is something that should be protected at all cost. Where will it end?

This proposed bill is also in direct violation of the European Convention of Human Rights - Article 10; Section 1.

I back the SNP fully in the struggle for Independence but this bill is regressive, verging on lunacy and pushing Scotland toward a fascist dystopian totalitarian dictatorship.

Max Weir  
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