

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM Garran Calum McTaggart Sutton

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you concerning the Hate Crime Bill being proposed.

As a Christian, I must speak the truth in love. Sin separates people from God, and the Bible says the heart of man is evil, wicked and deceitful above all things. The only way to have your sins forgiven is and to be changed from the inside out is to be washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and to be born again in the Spirit. Therefore many things that are natural to mankind are actually sinful, and people need to be told the truth, so that they can be free from their sin and can be changed.

I will not stop telling people the truth, regardless of the religion or sexual orientation, because it is a universal truth, whether you like it or not. Put me in prison, I will not be silent. Our forefathers died, were martyred for the Lord's sake, and I am willing to do the same.

Existing criminal law covers threatening and abusive behaviour likely to cause fear or alarm already, so there is no need for any new legislation. This proposed bill does not come close to defining the difference between rabble rousing and legitimate debate, the need for which was stressed in Lord Bracadale's Independent Review on Hate Crime report. Do not undermine free speech, and stop trying to fix something that is not broken.

Yours Faithfully

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