

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM F HOULT

Dear Justice Committee,

I am writing to express my concern with the Hate Crime and Public Order bill. First and foremost it is in direct violation of Article 10 of the human rights act. Indeed the government cannot take away ones human rights just because it doesn't like somebody's use of it. Of course hate is a bad use of this right but it is a HUMAN RIGHT nonetheless.

Secondly the powers granted (if it were to pass) are extremely vague and we cannot be sure that this will not be exploited in the future malevolently.

I urge you to reconsider this dystopian, authoritarian bill

F Hoult
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