

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM A J TREASURE

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am concerned that some of the provisions of this Bill might restrict freedom of speech, especially in respect of the Christian faith.

Honest debate and discussion are fine, but sadly some who simply disagree with others views are constantly 'offended' and 'outraged' .

The exercise of opinions can be twisted into their considering it as threatening or abusive behaviour which it is obviously not the intention. Surely any new law should be concerned where there is an actual desire to stir up hatred.

I hope my submission will be taken into account if it is intended this Bill goes further.

Yours faithfully,

A.J. TREASURE
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