

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM DEACON TONY SCHMITZ

Dear sirs

I object on the following two grounds:

The new stirring up hatred offences could be unwittingly committed by someone who did not intend to stir up hatred or even realise that their words could be considered abusive.

Religious beliefs and views on morality are matters on which people can have vigorous debate and change their minds. A free society must protect this.

Yours faithfully

Deacon Tony Schmitz
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