

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM STUART WISHART**

With regard to the above, I believe it is of great importance that the bill makes it clear that the people and the churches in Scotland are, and will always be, completely free to:

- A) Believe the bible as God's word
- B) Teach the bible as God's word, and
- C) To live according to the teachings of the bible.

Scotland has, for centuries, enjoyed this freedom and true Christians do not promote hatred by their beliefs, nor do they set out to offend.

Of course, some people are offended by this, but they were offended at Jesus Christ. It is quite impossible to avoid the offence of some people. This must be taken into account.

Stuart Wishart  
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