

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM JAMES MACDONALD

I believe this Bill is completely unnecessary. It is a vast overreach of government power for the government to be able to control the public's involvement in "stirring up hatred" (which is not given a definition, and could effectively be interpreted as any sign of hostility against ANYTHING.)

My position is that there is no merit in any existing hate crime laws to exist in the first place, nevermind consolidation of existing legislation. All I wish for is a world where we can get along, and where it is all down to the individual whether or not to be offended and take action -- not the government. My opinion on this bill also coincides with my equally strong hatred of the Communications Act 2003 of the British Parliament, which is a travesty upon all of the UK.

Thank you for receiving this message,

A concerned citizen.

James MacDonald
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