

**Inquiry: Exposure Draft of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012.**

I am extremely concerned that the Australian Government is seeking to limit the ability of its citizens to free speech. Almost anything can be construed as giving offence and this Bill gives far too much weight to personal interpretation. I ask the committee to reject the bill out of hand.

I would prefer that the Government expand our free speech rights and ensure public debate on any and all matters can continue in the true spirit of democracy.