

With respect to all members of the Senate Committee.

I understand that the above bill is being considered to make it illegal merely to offend someone else at work on the ground of their religious (or political) beliefs.

This is total foolishness. You are taking away the rights of all parties to sometimes make opinions known that yes, may offend a little from time to time, but enables us all to get a full understanding about how other persons or groups think about religious or political issues.

Please get back to governing and stop interfering in our rights to speak out when we feel it necessary. I am a Christian and we have put up with constant hammering for eons in and out of work... we can take it why can't anyone else. I am also from Britain and again, have put up with all sorts of hammering about whinging Poms and the like... so what, it is a part of life. Politically I also find myself in all sorts of altercations about how I and others feel... great, we all learn from these things.

Parties who want this nonsensical bill forget that they too will be gagged and have to think carefully about everything they say... just in case, it will have all sorts of ramifications. We should be able to speak out without fear. If speaking out occurs that is over the top, there are other means of dealing with it... Libel etc.

Please don't go here.

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