

The Chairperson,  
Senate Committee -Human Rights & Anti-discrimination Bill 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to voice our opposition to Nicola Roxon's bill named above. We are an adult population who must have the right to voice our opinions on a range of topics including political and religious matters, without the shadow of the law over our shoulders. We should be given credit for the discretion we have and do exercise and have done for the two hundred years of our nationhood. As adults we also have learnt to roll with differing opinions in these areas expressed by others, without having to resort to the law as a response. To legislate as proposed, would be to make our nation very close to the police-states of Nazi Germany and the USSR where the population were afraid of expressing an opinion for fear of "disappearing". We don't need that and we don't want it, thank you very much.

The more you legislate in areas like this the more the population is going to be put into a straight-jacket, and it is just not necessary. We have sufficient laws now to cover any situation that warrants legal attention.

Yours faithfully,  
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Just by example