

We need to value our freedom to speak out about any topic. We don't have to be vexatious however we should be able to voice our opinions even though they may not be the same as someone else's. We don't need to fear that we will be sued simply because we state something that goes against another person's opinion. We will all never agree on some things however we should be able to state our case without worrying that someone with deep pockets will out spend us in the courts, regardless of who is right or wrong. All that does is bring about a silent society and we all know the results in every society which withheld freedom of speech. Nazi Germany, China, Pol Pot, Hungary and all Communist countries. Non- Muslim people in Arab states are persecuted and have no religious freedoms. Do we want this? Is that what our forefathers fought for in many wars over the past century? Our freedom of speech is the very reason thousands of refugees want to come to this country. I am amazed that I need to even make a submission of this kind. Is our judicial system and our Parliament so lacking in discerning what is fair and reasonable and right from wrong that they have to enshrine this in legislation. I sincerely hope not.

Regards