

Members of the Committee.

This will be brief.

I approach the subject by stating that I believe in the absolute right of Australian Citizens to have freedom of speech, without curtailment by Government or Group.

There ought be nil penalty for this freedom's use, other than where it directly endangers security of the nation or the real chance that it puts the life of a human being in real risk of death.

The current push for anti-discrimination is directly opposed to this principle.

Discrimination is a real and necessary part of everyday life – from preventing consumption of harmful items to prevention of harm to a child by adult – these are but some valid reasons to support discrimination.

The published proposed constraints in this legislative push are extreme, particularly whee the onus of proof appears to be changing from the traditional “you prove I did it” to “you prove I did not”.

Further, today it seems that there is no requirement to be a citizen in the exercise of change to society law – perhaps the world should have a vote in what our laws should be – or we will be discriminating against our enemies, after all those such as the Taliban must surely have the same rights in our nation if we cannot discriminate.

OK – although that sounds extreme, it is no moreso than the push by certain sections of our society be it in same sex or environmental areas for their pet projects.

My point is that there is too much interference in our way of life today and more and restrictive laws are not what we should be entertaining – the existing legal system is already way overloaded and can handle justified complaints already without further layers of Government or social inputs.

Accordingly I urge that the whole process of change in this area be halted, and NIL change be recorded as the preferred option.

In the interests of brevity, I think I have made my point.

Thank you