

Dear Senate Committee,

I wish to briefly express my concern regarding the proposed changes surrounding the Anti-Discrimination Legislation.

I would ask that there is due consideration given to both religious freedoms as well as freedoms of speech. I don't believe it would be wise to go down the road of saying that insults and offences be included as discrimination. Freedom of speech includes many things, one of which is the freedom to debate and question things publicly, and something what often occurs during this process is one person insulting or offending something else - perceived or otherwise.

We cannot become so politically correct and paranoid that no-one is allowed to say anything for fear of litigation. Although the draft legislative framework's language is somewhat benign, it does not take much imagination to see what could happen in reality with such laws in place.

I hope you are able to take my views in account.

Regards,
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