

My name is Dean Macpherson, I am in great concern that our freedom of speech would be hindered or taken away by such changes to the present act. I do believe that these changes don't allow for any disagreement especially if it is against what we believe and subsequently deemed offensive. I personally would rather someone else disagreeing and be able to talk than to be not allowed at all because it may offend. Life offends us and according to our maturity or the lack of, can be the amount something is offensive. I personally don't want to see our freedom reduced down to the lowest maturity level possible. We should instead encourage debate and healthy debate even with great differences so we can make up our minds with knowledge and wisdom not immaturity and self centredness. I would happily stand up myself and encourage difference for this gives freedom, ability to change in a healthy way and freedom to grow in mind and not be forced by fear to conform. We know that our culture is on a dangerous path already in the realm of mental health where our lifestyle of disfunction is costing money, time and lack of production. This type of change will only complicate this and make these issues grow. Thanks for your time. Dean

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