

*To all concerned with this proposed Human Rights Legislation.*

I wish to express my concern about this bill. While some restrictions on free speech, such as we already have, are obviously desirable the proposed legislation goes too far.

I have read the "Human Rights Day Oration" address on this topic given by former Justice Spigelman and, while not having a legal background, I can understand and endorse his comments that the bill goes too far in being involved with "insult" and "offence". I also endorse his concerns that the threat of legal action available under the new law could actually restrict free speech, particularly from individuals or small groups who would not have the financial clout to defend an expensive legal action brought about by the more powerful and financial. I trust that all senators have read and carefully thought about his address.

My name is Richard Jones