

Senate Enquiry into the **Draft of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012.**

The Senate Committee,

Dear Sirs,

I would encourage you not to go ahead with the proposed changes being considered re the above Draft Bill.

It is my belief that you will be opening a “Pandora’s Box” by going ahead with these proposed changes and in so doing opening the door wide to serious over- regulation of peoples lives and individual rights, and the stifling of Free speech (a privilege and a right held dear in this democratic country not available in many other countries where such draconian laws exist).

(Recall – a famous quote [that we would do well not to forget] “Government by the people, of the people and for the people”! which although it comes from the “Gettysburg address” in the United States - such freedom should surely be enjoyed here also).

I believe such proposals could well may open the door to nuisance and vexatious claims which would impact on and against individuals rights to ‘freedom of speech’ and the rights of small and religious organisations who are not equipped to deal with such concerted and unjustified claims against them.

I sincerely believe we already have adequate processes in the courts under common law available to anyone who thinks they have been wronged, slandered or defamed in any way.

Yours sincerely