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## Petition EN1285 - Inquiry into hate speech against the Autistic community

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**Petition Reason**

There is hate and contempt both in real life and on social media for those on the Autistic spectrum, presented in manners such as referring to Autism as a burden, a disease to be cured, brain damage and not genetic in it's basis - including beliefs in causation such as environmental DNA damage, electro magnetics and most commonly vaccines. There is also the false claim that Autistics tend to be more violent than the neurotypical population. These claims are made as though they are factual when they are not and cause harm in the community similar to that of racism and so on.

**Petition Request**

We therefore ask the House to ask the Attorney General to recommend to the Human Rights Commission that an inquiry be started to look into the issue of the serious social effects of fear based hate and contempt by the community towards those on the Autistic Spectrum in real life and on social media, and also as an alternative ask the Attorney General to ask the relevant Parliamentary committee to engage a similar inquiry - with the aim of prohibiting such conduct.

<b>Number of signatures:</b>	74
<b>Closing date for signatures:</b>	04 March 2020 (11.59pm AEST)

**Ministerial response to petition**      [EN1285 - Min response - Attorney-General.pdf](#)

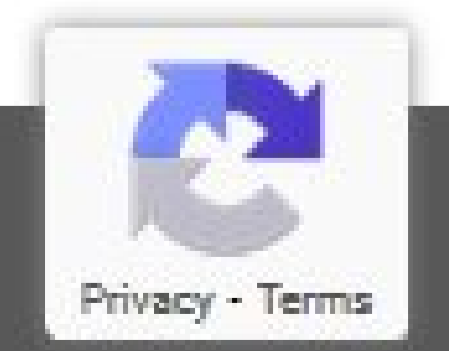
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