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Dear Committee Secretary,

On behalf of all Jewish Australians I would like to voice our heartfelt opposition to the THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL 2012 – EXPOSURE DRAFT LEGISLATION.

The proposed Draft Legislation threatens the freedom of any Jewish person to voice their opposition to behaviours, activities and ideas that run contrary to Jewish values and that also run contrary to the Seven Universal Laws for all Humanity both given by the Al-mighty from Heaven. These laws are unchangeable and last for all time.

While there are exceptions in the Draft Legislation to the discrimination prohibitions for the Jewish Race for Authentic Rabbis, Authentic Jewish Religious bodies and Authentic Jewish Educational Institutions concerning the following:

- gender identity, sex, sexual orientation
- marital or relationship status, potential pregnancy, pregnancy
- race, religion
- AND ALSO political opinions and views

there are however NO such exemptions for any individual Jewish person who wants to be free from the fear of persecution under any Discrimination Laws for voicing their dearly beloved laws and concerns in the public arena.

“Unfavourable treatment” in the Draft includes :

“offending or insulting or intimidating comment” (The Draft Legislation , DIV 2 “The meaning of Discrimination” 1) and 2)

and clearly a public statement of one’s deeply held Jewish Religious beliefs could possibly be interpreted to be! This would be totally unsatisfactory as you can imagine. Here is the part of the Draft mentioned:

27 (4) Division 2—Meaning 1 of discrimination

2 19 When a person *discriminates* against another person, and related
3 concepts

4 *Discrimination by unfavourable treatment*

5 (1) A person (the *first person*) *discriminates* against another person if

6 the first person treats, or proposes to treat, the other person
7 unfavourably because the other person has a particular protected
8 attribute, or a particular combination of 2 or more protected
9 attributes.....

11 (2) To avoid doubt, *unfavourable* treatment of the other person
12 includes (but is not limited to) the following:

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14 (b) other conduct that offends, insults or intimidates the other
15 person.

Therefore I appeal to you to safeguard the right of ALL Jewish people to be free from persecution for simply being Jewish and for attesting to the correctness of the Laws given from Heaven. I urge you to change the Legislation .

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely ,

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