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I think it is quite unreasonable and unnecessarily restrictive to try and impose laws to try and prevent the discussion of religious or political matters with acquaintances or work colleagues. Such laws simply open the doors to wasteful and unfair legal proceedings-another Lawyers Benefit. Unfair because the complainants costs will be covered by the Taxpayer but the defendant will have to pay for their own defence, and even if found not guilty, will still have to pay their own costs!

Free discussion of any matter at all, is a fundamental hallmark and right of a free society! There already exist laws to control bad language and harassment, slander and other objectional behaviour. I will defend to the death my right to speak as my conscience dictates, always within the bounds of good manners and considerate behaviour.

Stop wasting your time and taxpayers money on such ill considered proposals!

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