

To whom it may concern

I wish to voice my thoughts with regard to the draft Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012.

If it were to be passed, such a bill would pose serious threats to religious freedom, freedom of association and the right to speak freely. These rights needs to be protected in a free, democratic society.

Furthermore, the protections for religious freedom, such as exceptions that apply to religious bodies and educational institutions, must be upheld. The lifestyle choices of a minority cannot be considered more important than protecting the right of religious groups to practise and uphold their beliefs.

In addition, I find it difficult to understand how discrimination caused by offence or insult would be effectively policed.

Please consider this bill carefully.

Regards,

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