

To the Chair of the Senate Committee

In Australia we have freedom of speech and this right should not be taken away. Any attempt to protect people's feelings against being offended we believe is wrong. Seeing the results of charges of 'blasphemy' on the world stage should be reason enough not to legislate against freedom of speech, people should be free to hold their own religious beliefs. Clubs and other such organisations and religious bodies that are employees should be able to stipulate requirements based on preferences when employing staff.

Also the fundamental law that the accused should be deemed innocent until proved guilty should be upheld.

Thank you for your consideration.