

Proposed Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012

Dear Committee members ,

There are some overly ambitious political aims that widely offend thinking people in Australia. Trying to nobble people for their words about others is clearly one of them.

Just as in Voltaire's time, thinking people are offended by the idea that we can improve speech by trying to control it.

If men are to be free they must be allowed to speak freely. More definitions, simplifications are just evolving social constructs that please only lawyers. The weaknesses in State legislation can't be mended and you don't need the reputation in history for trying to do the impossible. History is full of examples of how the ambition in this legislation is unsound and creates far more risks of injustice than it will ever attend to .

Don't risk great evil with grand ambitions . You are, after all, being asked not just to make consistent the State laws, but to try and overturn a key upright framing of the law itself .

Men become men by moving beyond worrying about the normal business of name calling. Tough aussies know this. I hope you and the parliament , will see this too

PS

Ms Roxon may hope no one notices how little time there is for these submissions , but the people are not as trusting of her or you, as you may think .