

Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Tolerance) Bill 2005
Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to promote religious tolerance.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act 60 days after the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 [1] inserts proposed Part 4H (proposed sections 49ZZA–49ZZC) in the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (the principal Act). The amendment provides that religious vilification is unlawful. The amendment also creates a criminal offence of serious religious vilification with a maximum penalty of 50 penalty units or 6 months