

**Submission
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**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS AND
EQUALITY) BILL 2020**

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After the same-sex marriage laws passed, and despite assurances that this would make no difference to our society, the public abuse hurled at Israel Folau for standing by his religious convictions has disproved that assurance to be quite false. Margaret Court, too, was a victim of social spite for her religious conscience.

The freedom of conscience, the freedom to believe, is a basic freedom from which others flow; the Judeo-Christian foundation of the legal system is the source of our legislation, 'treating equal cases equally' and honouring a person's right to think and say what they hold dear. This is no longer the case and an individual can be destroyed now, by the enemies of freedom, and have their reputations smeared and their livelihoods taken from them. This must stop and the way to stop is to have a law that protects this right to freedom of conscience.

Our freedoms are slipping away – I've lived long enough to see this

Please support Mark Latham's Bill so that spite doesn't win.

Regards,
Gabrielle Lord

