

**INQUIRY INTO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT
(COMPLAINT HANDLING) BILL 2020**

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Dear Committee member's The NSW Anti-Discrimination Board has allowed a vexatious and self-described 'anti-free speech activist' to unleash a reign of legal terror on conservatives and Christians. "This body should be abolished and Mark Latham's common-sense bill to force it to dismiss vexatious complaints is a good first step. Activists are using the legal system to try to score the political points they cannot achieve by democratic means, or even worse, they are using the legal system to try to destroy their opponents financially to break them with the cost of using lawyers and going through tribunals to defend themselves. This is not justice; it is a lawyer's picnic. "In the four decades since the Anti-Discrimination Act was legislated the political environment has changed substantially. We now live in an era of heightened political activism, much of it driven by the intense polarised and at times obsessive nature of social media, and tactics such as 'de-platforming' and 'cancelling culture' have become common.

Freedom of Speech is the cornerstone of Democascy. Discussion,

Debate and even criticism is not Hate Speech.

Allowing vexatious claims should be stopped.

Yours Sincerely