

**Submission  
No 56**

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

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I submit that Mark Latham's amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Complaint Handling) Bill 2020 be supported. Apparently, the Anti-Discrimination Board lacked sufficient direction in handling complaints which came to it, because the Board

1. seems to have different policies for very similar complaints. Compare Israel Folau and Bernard Gaynor complained about by Gary Burns. The Board has removed evidence of similarity from files sent to NCAT;
2. has pursued people resident in different Australian States in spite of a High Court ruling that it had no power to do so;
3. has pursued a complaint against a brain damaged person; and
4. has claimed that it has no power to investigate if claims are vexatious and yet has declared other complaints to be vexatious.

In short, The Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Complaint Handling) Bill 2020 is a common sense amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

I strongly support it and call on the New South Wales parliament to enact this bill into law at the earliest possible time.