

**Submission
No 128**

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

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I was born in New South Wales and have remained a resident of this state for nearly 69 years.

In my time I have witnessed many social changes in this state, and many have not been to our betterment as a people.

The formation and subsequent actions of the Anti-Discrimination Board has disturbed me to such an extent, that I felt compelled to lodge this submission as a complaint against such an unrepresentative body, and therefore unaccountable body, to have the power to persecute - and I do not use that word lightly - private citizens on what they may have stated publicly and to uphold complaints against those statements or utterances, that any reasonable person would simply find vexatious or unwarranted.

That this kind of punitive action against the individual's right to express an opinion based in the word 'offense', simply flies in the face of our inalienable right to express ourselves freely, and without fear or favor. That this state would allow such medieval 'witch hunting' under the guise of 'anti-discrimination' legislation says much about those who allowed this injustice to be brought into being and then used as a cudgel to stifle and to persecute the opinions that the board may find 'offensive'..

On whose basis exactly is 'offense' determined within such an unaccountable Board?

In my opinion, the whole concept of 'anti-discrimination' legislation is faulty, draconian and falls into fascist tendencies, and as such, has no place to exercise it's own discrimination against private individuals in a free and open society that New South Wales once used to be!