

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

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MARK LATHAM'S ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (COMPLAINTS HANDLING) BILL 2020. I am completely in favour of the amendments proposed by Mark Latham which seek to 1. Empower/Make further provisions for the President of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board to decline certain complaints (i.e frivolous or vexatious complaints); and 2. Remove the requirement for the President to refer declined complaints to NCAT (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal).The bill also exempts interstate residents making their public comments interstate and ensures complaints cannot be accepted against people who have exemptions in other parts of the Act. E.g. Israel Folau, Bernard Gaynor and John Sunol. These are examples of ordinary people being forced to engage in modern lawfare at the taxpayer's expense.

This is a significant issue about free speech and the bill updates the Act to take into account the new media environment we live in so that citizens can exercise their free speech on social media platforms without fear of ridiculous threats and costly litigation.

The situation has developed where the Anti Discrimination Board has facilitated this 'lawfare' phenomenon whereby vexatious complainants can make complaints about a person who has done nothing or very little wrong but are required to defend themselves time and again. This action has sent people broke and destroyed their lives and those of their family. It is a cancer and must be removed. Mark Latham's amendments are designed to make this happen.