

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

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I submit the following submission in support of Mark Latham's Anti-discrimination (Complaint Handling) Bill.

I am concerned at the misuse of process and power by the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, by a vexatious activist and particularly against people who live outside of NSW.

The right to freedom of speech is an essential aspect of democracy. A Greek idiom says essentially 'If you tell me the truth no matter what that truth turns out to be, I will not punish you' (Quotation by translator Dr. Brian Simmons).

'Freedom of speech' is being able to say whatever is on your heart with no restraints, not having to tailor it to make everyone happy, (which is impossible) and to be able to speak your mind without fear of punishment.

This has not been the experience for Bernard Gaynor, Israel Folou, Tess Corbet, Archbishop Julian Porteous, brain-damaged John Sunol and many others and it is a sad indictment on our democratic Nation.

I refer specifically to years of litigation against Bernard Gaynor by homosexual activist Gary Burns, through the NSW courts via the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board – which has cost taxpayers most likely millions of dollars.

If Mr Burns' complaints against Israel Folau have been deemed vexatious by the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board (as media reports), then surely his complaints against Bernard Gaynor, brain-damaged John Sunol and others must also be deemed 'vexatious.'

Burns began his campaign against Bernard Gaynor in 2014, boasting he would lodge complaints until he bankrupted him.

I cannot believe that the NSW Government has allowed bureaucrats at the Anti-Discrimination Board to exercise so much power as to destroy fellow Australian's lives and livelihoods.

It is my considered opinion the NSW Government should undertake an immediate inquiry into the behaviour of the Anti-Discrimination Board for its flagrant abuse of process, inhibiting freedom of speech and undermining the very principles of democracy in our Nation.

Questions which must be answered are –

- Why has the NSW ADB refused to investigate whether Mr Burns' complaints against Mr Gaynor are vexatious and why it continues to process them?
- Why did the ABD take into consideration in Mr Burn's complaint against Mr Folau, the numerous, 'inappropriate' emails he sent to Mr Folau's lawyers but chose to ignore the hundreds of disgusting and harassing emails he sent to Mr Gaynor and his legal team - even inciting people to violence?

- Why did the ADB remove Mr Gaynor's evidence that Burns was lodging complaints to bankrupt him?
- Why has the ADB allowed Mr Burns to lodge so many complaints at tax-payer expense against Mr Gaynor, (thirty seven times over a period of almost six years), when he doesn't live in NSW and has never had a complaint lodged against him in his home state of Queensland?
- Why is Mr Burns allowed to pursue Mr Sunol who has suffered brain damage?
- Will the NSW ADB make restitution for the suffering of the lives and livelihoods of Mr Gaynor (and others), caused by its acceptance and processing of Mr Burns complaints if found they are vexatious?

An immediate, independent investigation into Mr Burns' complaints against Mr Bernard Gaynor should now be instigated to establish whether his complaints against this father of eight are also vexatious.

I urge the NSW Parliament to pass Mark Latham's Reform Bill with regards to this matter and protecting people from the ADB processing vexatious complaints.

I am yours sincerely,