

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

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I support Mark Latham's Bill to end vexatious complaints. It is needed because of the Anti Discriminations Boards failure to deal fairly with people who are the subject of multiple vexatious complaints for the monetary gain of the complainant. It is onerously expensive for the people complained against to defend themselves, so often they will pay to settle, since legal fees of successful defences are not returned and complainants do not have to pay any legal fees.

For example, Bernard Gaynor has faced 37 complaints since 2014 from Gary Burns, who has also made multiple vexatious complaints against others.

The settlements Mr Burns receives from these cases provides him with a substantial income. Mr Gaynor has expended substantial funds successfully defending himself, which have required him to mortgage his house. He does not even live in NSW No one in Queensland has made any complaint about Mr Gaynor.

None of the complaints have been substantiated and Mr. Burns has boasted that he has lodged complaints to bankrupt him and that he wants Mr Gaynor silenced for good. The ADB has refused to even investigate whether Burns' complaints are vexatious and continues to process them.