

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

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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF MARK LATHAM'S ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (COMPLAINTS HANDLING) BILL 2020

Dear Parliament of NSW,

I am making this submission in support of Mark Latham's Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Complaints Handling) Bill 2020.

In particular, I support the goals of the bill 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),
2. Remove the requirement for the President to refer declined complaints to NCAT (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal),
3. Exempt interstate residents making their public comments interstate, and
4. Ensure complaints cannot be accepted against people who have exemptions in other parts of the court (e.g. Israel Folau).

Furthermore,

5. I find it particularly odious that individuals (e.g. Garry Burns) can use state-funded organisations to pursue personal vendettas at little or no expense to themselves, whilst the objects of their complaints must expend their own personal finances to defend themselves – often to their own financial ruin. This amounts to state persecution of individuals and results in a loss of confidence in state institutions.

6. Also, it is particularly alarming that NCAT has ignored a recent Australian High Court ruling disallowing it from the pursuit of individuals in other states (e.g. Garry Burns Vs Bernard Gaynor). If the NSW institutions & judiciary have no respect for Australian High Court rulings, how can the NSW public have respect for them?