

Respect at Work and Other Matters Amendment Bill 2024

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I am a member of Cleveland Baptist Church. I am writing to express my concern about the draft "Respect at Work" bill. While I appreciate the Government's efforts to delay the most controversial changes, the bill still poses significant risks to religious freedom. The bill makes "hateful" speech illegal without a clear definition. This could mean that simply teaching our beliefs may lead to complaints. Imagine if you couldn't uphold your beliefs about proper behaviour within your office due to fear of legal repercussions. This could disrupt your ability to manage your team effectively and maintain your office's values. Faith communities face similar risks. They could be unfairly targeted, leading to legal battles and financial strain. Please support amendments to protect genuine religious speech and debate. Thank you for your attention and service to our electorate.