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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make a submission on this consultation. Please publish this submission under my full name.

Here are the main issues from my perspective:

- A subjective approach towards vilification is not appropriate as it provides a lower, unpredictable standard that impinges on free speech rights without justifiable benefits. This unstable threshold leads to potential injustices, undermining the rule of law and individual rights.
- The reforms risk freedom of religion by requiring a careful definition of religion, which may exclude some beliefs and practices. Additionally, the low threshold for what is considered a religion could lead to the trivialization of religious beliefs, potentially including any particular ideology as a religion and thus interfering with the original intent of protecting religious freedom.
- Lowering the burden of proof and shifting it to a defendant is wrong because an innocent defendant could be liable for damages, and it risks trivializing genuine claims of discrimination. This change can lead to false accusations and a wrongful distribution of damages, undermining the integrity of the legal system.

Thank you very much for considering this submission.

Regards,

Jamie Clinnick