

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND TOLERANCE LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT)
BILL

(Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by the Honourable PETER HALL)

1. Clause 2, line 2, omit "7, 10(3)" and insert "6(3), 7, 9, 10(3), 12".
2. Clause 5, line 27, omit "**and Religious**".
3. Clause 6, line 28, omit "**When may the Tribunal hear a complaint?**" and insert "**Further amendments regarding tolerance legislation**".
4. Clause 6, page 5, line 4, omit "**and Religious**".
5. Clause 6, page 5, after line 6 insert—
 - '() In the **Equal Opportunity Act 1995**—
 - (a) in sections 156, 158(2) and 159, **omit "and Religious"** (wherever occurring);
 - (b) in section 162(1)(a), **omit "or religious belief or activity"**.'.
6. Clause 9, omit this clause.

NEW CLAUSES

7. Insert the following New Clause to follow the heading to Part 3—

'A. Amendment of title and abolition of religious vilification

 - (1) In the **Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001**—
 - (a) in the title, **omit "and Religious"**;
 - (b) in section 1(a)—
 - (i) **omit "and religious"**;
 - (ii) **omit "or religious belief or activity"**;
 - (c) in section 1(b), **omit "or religious"**;
 - (d) in section 3, the definition of "religious belief or activity" is **repealed**;
 - (e) in section 4(1)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b), **omit "**, discussion of religious issues";
 - (ii) in paragraph (c), **omit "or religious belief or activity"**;
 - (f) section 8 is **repealed**;
 - (g) in section 9—

- (i) **omit** "or 8" (where twice occurring);
- (ii) in sub-section (2), **omit** "or religious belief or activity";
- (h) in section 10—
 - (i) **omit** "or religious belief or activity" (wherever occurring, including in the heading);
 - (ii) **omit** "or 8";
- (i) in section 11—
 - (i) **omit** "or 8";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b)(i), **omit** ", religious";
- (j) in section 12(1), **omit** "or 8".

(2) A reference in this Act to the **Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001** is to be read, at any time after the commencement of this section, as a reference to the **Racial Tolerance Act 2001**.'

8. Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 11—

'B. Abolition of serious religious vilification offence

In the **Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001**—

- (a) section 25 is **repealed**;
- (b) in section 26—
 - (i) **omit** "or religious belief or activity" (wherever occurring, including in the heading);
 - (ii) **omit** "or 25".'