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Fast Tracking Controversial Legislation Is Unconstitutional & Dangerous!

The Portfolio Committee on Justice & Correctional Services has invited written public submissions on the [Prevention & Combating of Hate Crimes & Hate Speech Bill](#) on its website.

The “Hate Crimes” Bill is a [draconian and dangerous](#) piece of legislation that will seriously undermine freedom of speech, freedom of expression and religious freedoms.

The SA Government appears to be fast tracking the legislation through Parliament to fulfil its obligations to abortion and sexual rights activists based at the United Nations (UN).

Written submissions must be emailed to Mr V Ramaano at vramaano@parliament.gov.za The deadline date is currently unconfirmed. The website displays an "until further notice" sign.

However, when I enquired about the deadline with Mr Ramaano - the website page was immediately taken down.

The Portfolio Committee on Justice appears to be in turmoil. Its former chairperson, Dr Mathole Motshekga was fired last week and replaced by senior ANC MP, Vincent Smith.

However, Vincent Smith like numerous ANC MP's is [embroiled in a corruption scandal](#) involving hundreds of thousands of rands in alleged bribes from scandal ridden Bosasa.

The “Hate Crimes” Bill has major implications for free speech and religious freedoms. This legislation has the potential to criminalise the Scriptures condemning sexual sin.

This is a dangerous situation that will seriously undermine our constitutional democracy.

The public needs more time to properly evaluate this controversial Bill and submit their submissions to Parliament. Churches must also submit its comments for consideration.

Apparently, public hearings will be held around the country to hear oral submissions on the “Hate Crimes” Bill. Church leaders must apply to make oral presentations to the Committee.

However, what is of great concern is that the Portfolio Committee on Justice &

Correctional Services is inviting written submissions from the public on a Bill that has far reaching implications to society while the Committee Chairperson is embroiled in serious corruption scandals.

Please write to Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr John Jeffery at jmhlarhi@justice.gov.za and request he suspend the public participation process on the "Hate Crimes" Bill until the Committee has stabilised. Also request an extended period for public submissions.

Please be aware, government has indicated its desire to fast track the "Hate Crimes" Bill through Parliament for reasons currently unknown. You and I must remain vigilant.

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On Sun 9 September I chat to the organisers and speakers of "Mighty Men Western Cape" about the vision and program of the 2018 event taking place in Malmesbury, W/Cape in Oct.

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