



# Discrimination Law Association

## **DO YOU SUPPORT THE EQUALITY ACT 2010? IF SO – SAY SO!**

### **The Redtape Challenge website – action required**

The Government's Redtape website was launched last week - [www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/equalities/](http://www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/equalities/)

This website is supposed to allow people the opportunity to comment on unnecessary regulations. However the approach taken in relation to the Equality Act 2010 is different from the approach taken to all the other areas currently under consideration in that, instead of referring to specific regulations, the website appears to invite people to comment on the Equality Act 2010 itself and whether it should be scrapped. Unsurprisingly although there are some excellent responses that make it clear that the Equality Act is primary legislation and not a series of regulations, there are also uninformed and hostile responses.

### **What needs to be done – URGENTLY**

- Go to the website and write your views on the Equality Act;
- encourage others to respond soon as there is no clear deadline;
- ask people to note that the Equality Act is primary legislation not a regulation;
- ask people to highlight how improper this process is, given that ostensibly people are being asked to comment about regulations but the entire Equality Act 2010 appears to have been put up for grabs;
- ask people to comment positively about the Act and the regulations.

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