



“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” Galatians 5:1

On Wednesday, 15 February, Freedom of Religion South Africa (FORSA) hosted a meeting at His People in Goodwood, Cape Town, to discuss potential threats to religious freedom posed by the *Hate Speech Bill* and the CRL Rights Commission’s proposals to regulate religion.

Ministry of Injustice

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister of Justice, John Jeffery, who addressed the delegates and acknowledged that the *Hate Speech* provisions in the Bill are “*overbroad*” and probably in conflict with

“The Constitutional Right to Religious Freedom.”

Jeffery assured delegates that their right to express their convictions freely would be protected “*as long as this did not amount to an incitement to violence.*”

He then gave an example of a minister who he claimed had called for the killing of gays from the pulpit.

Due Process of Law or Taking the Law into Your Own Hand

One of the delegates in the meeting challenged him on this and made the distinction between somebody discussing academically what the Law of God may require as far as law and due process of justice goes and someone inciting people to take law into their own hands. There certainly is a big difference between advocating that abortion be recognised as murder and babies protected by law from the violence of abortion by due process of law and some rabble-rouser calling for individuals to take the law into their own hands and murder abortionists!

Shutting Down Debate



