

5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2005

GOODMAN, CHAIR OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST CENSORSHIP ATTENDED MEETING OF SOCIETY OF LABOUR LAWYERS IN LONDON AND HEARD THE LAW SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE STATE THAT IT SUPPORTED THE OUTLAWING OF INCITEMENT TO RELIGIOUS HATRED. HE PUBLICLY CHALLENGED HER ABOUT THIS AND NOTED THAT SHE FORMERLY PRACTISED IN AUSTRALIA AND THUS MUST KNOW WHAT A DISASTER SUCH A LAW WAS THERE.

SHE REPLIED THAT THE LAW IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA WHICH HAD GIVEN RISE TO LITIGATION OUTLAWED INCITEMENT OF HATRED OF A RELIGION, WHEREAS THE PROPOSED ENGLISH (AND ONLY ENGLISH) LAW WOULD MERELY PROTECT ADHERENTS OF RELIGIONS AND WOULD THUS NOT HAVE THE SAME EFFECT.