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**From:** Alan [1]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 9:58 p.m.  
**To:** Regulation [TSY]  
**Subject:** Suggestion for repeal of legislation

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To whom it may concern.

I would like to request consideration for the repeal of a particular piece of legislation and that is our Blasphemy Law (section 123 of the Crimes Act 1961).

I feel quite strongly that we have moved beyond such an ill-considered law relating to an absurd offence as blasphemy. Such a law unfairly targets those who profess no religion and may, quite within their rights, be bemused at religion in this day and age. It is a victimless 'crime'. Religion is an idea not a person and as such it can and should be questioned in a free society as anything else is, it is not exempt from such debate, discussion and [when it is called for] ridicule.

I thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Alan Campbell.