Proposed Amendment to the Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation Bill

Here below is the proposed amendment to Clause 2(1) of the Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation Bill presented by Wayne David MP to replace the subjective test with a more robust and simpler objective test.

Clause 2(1)

(bold and italicised text is the additional text, while strikethrough highlights text to be deleted):

(a) the claimant’s behaviour in relation to the matters complained of in the claim can be reasonably understood as having, or as being intended to have, the effect of restraining the defendant’s exercise of the right to freedom of speech,
(b) the information that is or would be disclosed by the exercise of that right relates to a matter of public interest, and
(c) any of the behaviour of the claimant in relation to the matters complained of in the claim can be reasonably understood as intended to cause the defendant—
   (i) harassment, alarm or distress,
   (ii) expense, or
   (iii) any other harm or inconvenience, beyond that ordinarily encountered in the course of properly conducted litigation.

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