

**Treatment of
Parody**
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To whom this may concern

As an expatriate Hong Konger currently residing overseas, I would like to submit my humble opinion over the proposal of legislating against Parody under the Copyright Regime:

May I respectfully suggest the Hong Kong Government not to consider this any further until Hong Kong has introduced robust and formal legislations in place to safe-guard basic Civil Liberties such as the Freedom of Expressions.

A Bill of Rights would be a good start (may I cite the "New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990" as an example?)

<http://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1990/0109/latest/whole.html#DLM225513>

For example, under Section Fourteen of the NZ Bill of Rights, it is stated that:

14 Freedom of expression

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form.

My thoughts would be it will be extremely unwise and politically untenable for Hong Kong to attempt the restricting of the Freedom of Expression by way of subjecting Parody under the Copyright Regime in any regulations, before more basic rights have been secured for the Citizens of Hong Kong

Yours truly

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