

Dear Assistant Secretary,

I would like to make you aware of my thoughts regarding the proposed changes to extend anti-discrimination law. Can you please pass on my thoughts to the International Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Branch authorities.

My position is that I don't want any changes made to the existing law(s).

I do not want a new "Act" created.

Anti discrimination laws actually reduce "freedom of choice". We currently have the Equal Opportunity and Commissions and Tribunals. Freedom of religion, one of our basic rights, is very much impacted by the introduction of such laws. State laws here in Australia, give plenty of validation of such facts. For example "Should a Christian marriage registrar be obliged to register same-sex partnerships? May a Christian worker in a secular organisation be required not to wear an openly visible cross? Can a Christian foster-care agency be obliged to place children in a same-sex partnership? Must a Christian camping organization accept a booking from a same-sex advocacy group? The list goes on and on.

Another point I would like to make clear that "I do not support is an anti-discrimination law based on sexuality and gender identity."

Thank you for reading this submission.

I would like a response telling me what is the outcome of these proposed changes.

Yours faithfully,

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