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Dear Sir/Madam,

The government's intention to to consolidate anti-discrimination law is unwise and must be resisted.

1. This proposal is obviously a further attempt by the Greens and homosexual activists to reintroduce the notion of anti-discrimination laws based on sexuality and gender identity. Law of this nature will detract from the right of free speech. The attack on Margaret Court when she expressed views on this subject, exemplifies the lengths to which the homosexual activists will go to stifle discussion and inhibit the right of free expression.

2. Such anti discrimination law as that envisaged is unnecessary in that Equal Opportunity commissions now abound.

3. The anti discrimination law in the states is the most divisive legislation ever enacted. It has spawned an "offended" industry which has cost innocent citizens jobs, money and reputation.

4. aThe anti-discrimination process invariably forces the charged person to prove his or her innocence. This is antipathetic to the presumption of innocence to which Australians have been accustomed.

5. Freedom of choice and freedom of religion have been seriously curtailed where anti-discrimination law is accepted.

Yours faithfully

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