

RE: Proposed changes to Anti-Discrimination Laws 2012.

I note that a proposal has been made to ADD 'sexual orientation' to the list of alleged discriminatory practises.

I have no objection to the principle of having appropriate anti-discrimination laws against any person on the basis of the colour, ethnic origin or disability.

However, I totally oppose adding 'sexual orientation' (or any similar phraseology) to the laws because of one simple reason:-

No individual can choose their colour, ethnic origin or disability, in direct contrast to any individual claiming 'sexual orientation' as the basis for discrimination when this is their lifestyle choice. Further, this lifestyle choice has serious documented medical and social costs attached to that lifestyle.

We do not have anti-discrimination laws for people who are kleptomaniacs or psychopaths, also a lifestyle choice.

Thank you.

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