

**Submission on Inquiry into Commonwealth anti-discrimination law**

I am writing to request that there be no further extension to the anti-discrimination law – especially not adding sexuality and gender identity to this Law. We are steadily eroding our freedoms in this country and the right of all of us to free speech. We already have many restrictions on what we should and should not say and do – to the extent that there have been many cases of unfair dismissals of citizens who feel that their conscience cannot allow them to agree to what has been asked of them in their occupation. I think this is totally unacceptable in a country which prides itself (or has in the past) on valuing every person's opinion even if it differs from our own!!

I think that it is very discriminatory to our citizens to be unable to voice our opinions to others without feeling that we could be liable to be sued. Where have our rights as citizens gone? We have as much right to free speech as those who would close down all adverse comments on their behaviour!!

Therefore I ask that this law not be extended and be carefully perused to allow conscientious objection if we feel strongly enough about a subject to comment on it.

Your sincerely,

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