

Assistant Secretary  
International Human Rights and Anti Discrimination Branch  
Attorney General's Dept.,  
Robert Garran Offices  
3-5 National Circuit  
Barton ACT

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to ask that no extension be made to anti-discrimination laws for the following reasons:-

\*These matters are already adequately dealt with by the Equal Opportunities Commissions and Tribunals.

\* Laws based on sexuality and gender identity have adverse effect on freedom of choice, freedom of speech and freedom of religion and the expression of same. Our society is based on the Judeo-Christian ethic which has stood us in good stead. This ethic provides a moral compass for our nation. To do away with this moral compass would bring confusion on our society.

\*A religion has the right to be able to state clearly what is right and wrong according to that religion, to run their institutions accordingly and to employ people whom they deem suitable. The Wesley Mission in Sydney was prosecuted for refusing to allow homosexuals to foster children. This is just one example where anti-discrimination infringed on the freedom of religion.

\* Parents have the right to teach their children right and wrong according to their religious beliefs. If these laws come in, is this right to be taken away and parents prosecuted. Would our children be taught that homosexuality is normal in the schools. This would infringe on the rights of parents.

\* Everyone should have the right of freedom of conscience and to be able to state what they believe and why [respectfully] without fear of being prosecuted.

Yours faithfully  
Rob and Val Pym  
[PERSONAL ADDRESS REMOVED]