

Dear Senate Committee members,

I believe this Bill is one of the most dangerous pieces of potential legislation to be considered by the Parliament at the present time. Anti-Discrimination legislation has proved such a curtailment on ordinary people's freedom overseas, that I view the effects on Australia as very worrying.

In the years since a strikingly similar Bill to consolidate Anti-Discrimination legislation was passed in the UK, the Equality Act has been used to prosecute several bed & breakfast owners for refusing to rent double rooms to homosexuals because it is against their moral convictions to facilitate such sin. (<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/9617792/Gay-couple-turned-away-from-BandB-win-discrimination-case.html>), (<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/8283651/Second-BandB-owner-sued-for-turning-gay-couple-away.html>) It is naïve to think that this will not happen in Australia if this Bill with its 'protections' for discrimination against sexual orientation is passed.

There are a whole range of other professions which will also be affected, such as hoteliers, office bearers of clubs, campsites, wedding organisers etc. Christians and others who have moral consciences will be targeted by homosexual activist groups and have their businesses and livelihoods taken from them.

I urge you to take these risks into account when considering this type of legislation and do not recommend that it should be made law.

Yours sincerely,

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