

I would petition the Senate Committee considering the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012 to consider either abandoning the currently planned legislation or effecting changes to allow

1. The onus of proof to be on those bringing the accusations rather than the respondent
2. Allowing all parties to have legal advisers at conciliation conferences to ensure justice for all
3. Providing exemptions to groups who hold deeply held religious beliefs which have been clearly documented.

Whilst believing that Anti-Discrimination is abhorrent and every Human Being's rights should be upheld, I am concerned that the current legislation being considered does not uphold freedom for all member of our community.

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