

Basically we are against any tightening or increase of anti discrimination or vilification laws, indeed we would like them loosened & decreased.

These sorts of laws are basically the Government ie. "Big Brother" telling individuals what they should think, say or believe. They are an imposition on free speech, freedom of conscience & freedom of religion.

Such laws have caused problems in some of our States & other nations like UK. Minorities who are covered by such laws have used them to gain power over those who disagree with their way of life, their culture or even religion. It is a fact that in UK homosexual groups have targeted & prosecuted businesses that for religious reasons did not want 2 people of the same sex or 2 unmarried people sharing a bed. Where were the rights of the business owners??

Why can't individuals decide what they personally think , & who they want to have living in their holiday camps/homes.etc. A good case in point is the CYC Philip Island camp.

We note there are exemptions for religious bodies but know that could easily be changed in the future – it has in other places.

We believe Aged Care Facilities should not be forced to have homosexual residents. This could be embarrassing & awkward for other existing residents – what about their rights??

We truly think there is far too much 'political correctness' which basically takes away freedom of speech, thought & religion.

There can never be a situation where everyone has equal rights because one person's right can take away another's rights. CYC Philip Island Camp for example. That was a clear case where the law said people should do something against their religion & conscience – where were their rights??

The problem when it comes to implementing such laws is that what one person sees as discrimination or offense may not be the intention. When it goes to court it can be very difficult & costly to prove & particularly to argue for religious conviction.

Please do not implement the proposed changes