

Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012. It is time to include LGBTI identity and sexual orientations in the federal law. I also support a number of small amendments to the Bill:

*changing 'marital ' status to 'relationship' status to prevent discrimination against LGBTI relationships.

*adopting the 2012 Tasmanian definitions of 'gender identity' and 'intersex'

Further, the prohibition of discrimination for religious aged care services, the recommendation that all Government funded services (including religious organisations) are restricted from discriminating and the appointment of a Commissioner responsible for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity are critical components of the Bill.

I strongly urge the Committee to recommend that this important Bill is passed before the next election.

Yours sincerely

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