

Dear Sirs,

The Proposal will remove our freedom of being 'innocent till proved guilty'. An aggrieved person (as already has been seen) can make a claim unjustly and the cost is born by the first party. Once lawyers are involved, trying to gain justice, there will be costs involved.

It is very costly and difficult to argue about doctrinal issues or religious sensitivities – so much depends on the bias of those in power.

Aged Care providers will not be able to discriminate on the basis of sex or gender identity. The firm can discriminate re employment of workers, but not on who they may provide the service to. Employers should be able to make these decision for the good of all the residents – the Home is for all those involved. Church groups, for example, should not be forced to admit homosexuals or others with views that will adversely affect other residents, or go against deeply held religious beliefs by the organisation.

Once this type of law is enacted, how long will it be before there will be legislation to remove more exemptions for Church run schools or welfare groups, for example?

Yours faithfully,

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