

Rev Matthew James

Senate Inquiry - Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012

Dear Sir / Madam

By way of submission to your inquiry, I write to express some thoughts on the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012.

I am very concerned that freedoms that have always been undeniably ours, the freedom to speak about those teachings of the Christian faith that relate to issues of gender, would become just an 'exception' within this bill. Further, it is troubling that these exceptions to the bill would be subject to review every three years.

Taking into consideration the history of our nation and its institutions, I would hope to see real protections for the Christian faith; which is the ethical framework which forms the foundations of our (European) culture.

Yours sincerely,

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