The Equality Campaign is one of the key organisations representing the Australian community and working with the Federal Parliament to achieve civil marriage equality for all Australians.

The Equality Campaign has already received numerous examples of offensive, misleading and intimidating material that has been produced and circulated in the lead up to the Marriage Postal Survey.

Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration References Committee's Inquiry into the Arrangements for the Marriage Postal Survey

6 September 2017

Contact: senateinfo@equalitycampaign.org.au

Offensive, misleading and intimidating material received by the Equality Campaign to date

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E-mails and letters

'Gays and marriage'

Correspondence received through the Equality Campaign website by an unidentified supporter on 2 September 2017.

It is a terrible shame that too many heterosexuals have been duped by homosexual activism. Some of us are fully aware of Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen's book, "After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the '90s." We know about their cunning six-point plan to change heterosexuals' views. A quote from the book: "We intend to make the anti-gays look so nasty that average Americans will want to disassociate themselves from such types". Their six-point plan proposed other tactics like using heterosexuals as homosexual protectors (which has been translated today into the ALLY movement) and homosexuals playing the "victim card". Too many heterosexuals have jumped naively on the bandwagon of supporting homosexual rights without even bothering to find out about the roots of this whole movement.

In addition, Communists/Marxists/Socialists have made their own attempt to debase society in the form of 45 declared goals to overthrow the US. Of course, what affects the US influences the rest of the world. Of these goals that, amongst other things, attempt to discredit the family, promote divorce, control the school system, etc., one of these goals is number 26: 'Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy." '. These goals were posited several decades ago and are not a recent endeavour. Regardless and independent of one's own political leanings, this case reflects that there have been forces at work that have influenced the acceptance of homosexuality.

Homosexual activists have been belligerent and relentless in taking action (e.g., law suits), especially in the USA, to further their cause. Even when sued, they have counter-sued – to that extent they are militant and uncompassionate. San Fransisco is a clear example of this militancy.

Homosexuals have complained for years about "homophobia" from heterosexuals. However, when one investigates deeper into the GLBTI sphere, there are complex issues of prejudice and discrimination in that sphere, which homosexuals are not revealing to us. There is tremendous and undeniable hypocrisy on the part of homosexuals because they have carried out their own "biphobia" towards bisexuals and "transphobia" towards transgendered persons. Please view the following as only some proof of this insidious hypocrisy: http://www.lesbilicious.co.uk/why-do-lesbians-hate-bisexuals/ (view comments of biphobically-averse lesbians);
http://www.firelily.com/gender/gianna/homophobia.html;

http://phobos.ramapo.edu/~jweiss/glvsbt.htm;

http://www.bilerico.com/2009/12/upon_further_reflection_and_deliberation.php (this is about an article written by a transphobically-averse homosexual that had to be withdrawn from the web site as it offended transsexuals).

There is another hypocrisy of homosexuals. Although we are transitioning into neo-modernism, we effectively live in post-modern (anti-modern) times of subjectivism and relativism where supposedly all opinions are equally valid and each has a right to their own opinion. Homosexuals have used this characteristic of post-modernism to further their cause, but again in hypocrisy, they want to silence

those who disagree with them! I am forbidden to disagree with homosexuality, homosexual marriage and so forth, but I am patted on the back an in a western nation and given lip service that I am allowed to hold my own opinion. Terrible hypocrisy! Please note that I am neither a supporter nor defender of post-modernism - I have much to disagree with about post-modernism. However, since post-modernism is the environment with which we are accustomed, and since that is essentially the orientation of our western nation, it would be preferable if people like homosexuals would not manipulate its characteristics for their gain, yet show antagonism to others who live according to its characteristics.

Yet another form of hypocrisy exists in the treatment of former homosexuals by homosexuals. For instance, view the following document by PFOX (Parents and Friends of Ex-gays and Gays): http://pfox.org/ex-gay-questions-answers.pdf. Is it fair that homosexuals should treat those who are no longer so in this manner? Why the contemptuous attitude from homosexuals to those who no longer wish to be this way? Should not homosexuals be highly empathetic towards former homosexuals since they should understand what they are experiencing?

Supposedly, homosexuals are interested in "marriage equality". This platform is only really about pushing for gay marriage. Do you hear them pushing for marriage for polyamorists, practitioners of incest or others? If caucasian Australians accept Vietnamese, Fijians and Iranians only, and do not accept Indians, Africans, and South Americans, is this true "racial equality"? Of course it is not! Unless we permit marriage for all forms of sexual deviancy, it is never "marriage equality".

Time will show that homosexuals will be no different to heterosexuals in the arena of marriage. After homosexual activists have fought so hard for "marriage equality", Jane Lynch, the well-known actress of "Glee", divorced her lesbian wife of only three years. So much for relishing the institution of marriage after homosexuals "stamped their feet" to obtain it? Astounding are the stories on the Internet of homosexuals who have divorced not long after becoming married. In fact, Divorce.us.org believes "gays and lesbians are beginning to achieve both marriage and divorce equality with their straight counterparts".

Indeed, for some homosexual activists, there is actually an insidious basis for the battle for gay marriage. The lesbian journalist, Masha Gessen, explains it well at: http://illinoisfamily.org/homosexuality/homosexual-activist-admits-true-purpose-of-battle-is-to-destroy-marriage/.

Typical of the activist's approach is to use the deflective strawman argument to ridicule. If gay marriage is legalised somewhere, activists will state, "The sky didn't fall in just because gay marriage was legalised". Who proposes that deleterious impacts on the physical, material environment will result due to such legalisation? Why the use of such irrelevant, hyperbolic idioms to defend their view? The true, negative, social impacts of legalisation are therefore attempted to be evaded by such language. Additionally, would activists and supporters appreciate the converse argument, "The sky hasn't fallen in just because gay marriage is not legal"?

Indeed, homosexual activism has already gone too far. Name-calling of those who disagree with them is rife in branding them as "homophobes", "bigots", "haters", and so forth, which only appear as intimidatory tactics. This is highly hypocritical when homosexual activists and their supporters accuse opponents of bullying and unfairness. Ellen DeGeneres has outrageously stated that those who do not support gay marriage are guilty of bullying! Does this overly emotional claim implicate those neutral or apathetic in their stance on gay marriage as bullies? In these post-modern/neo-

modern times where we are entitled to our views, are we absolutely mandated to provide such support?

With the acceptance of homosexuality, the occurrences of harassment of heterosexuals by homosexuals will rise. My wife has faced such harassment, twice from one lesbian couple in the same supermarket on different occasions and once each from two different lesbians in different shopping centres. On one occasion, one of the former couple rubbed themselves against my wife while she reached for a product on the shelves. My wife felt uncomfortable in each case. She and I are offended and infuriated by such behaviour. Is it unacceptable when a male perpetrates such harassment, yet somehow condonable if a female does it because they are of the same gender? I have experienced similar harassment from two different males. Both had invaded my personal space, which we all fully know is socially inappropriate behaviour. This type of harassment was unheard of when homosexuals knew their orientation had to be kept hidden. How audacious of the above lesbians to conduct such harassment openly, believing my wife will respond positively or could be influenced to adopt such tendencies. Sexual harassment will now be worse because both males and females will be perpetrators unlike before when it was a male phenomenon.

Sadly, this experience with the above lesbian couple reveals two points that can potentially occur with homosexuals:

1. They can be so led by their urges that they can sexually harass others, and

2. Despite it being so obvious to us that they were "an item", they are willing to violate expected monoamorous behaviour by carrying out the above with my wife.

When I was studying at an Australian university in the early 90's, the homosexual group was distributing flyers to those in the bar area. The flyer appeared as a form of propaganda to me. It made claims such as that heterosexuality was not normal because we as children naturally interact with those of the same gender and spurn such interactions with those of the opposite one. How watery is this argument? Well, this begs the question – how did the being of these homosexuals come about? Did homosexuals come into being via homosexuality? Homosexuals were displaying their activistic orientation back then.

Homosexuals state that they want to start families. It is illogical to think that they can start their own natural families - they still require heterosexuality to have children (indeed all homosexuals came into being only through heterosexual sex), and even then both homosexual partners cannot be parents of the same child. When did we commit intellectual suicide about this matter?

We now have homosexuals voicing that they find heterosexual acts repulsive! The ludicrousness of such a thought about natural behaviour! Again, was it not by such a supposedly "repulsive" heterosexual act that the homosexual's own conception and being came about?

The argument of the pro-homosexual view has been too highly emotionally-charged. Ad hominem arguments constructed from thoughts like, "Why can't homosexuals marry?", "Why can't homosexuals have children?", "Does it matter (if someone is homosexual)?", etc. pervade. One should be interested in the truth and fact, as is the basis of this email (which is additionally devoid of any religious argumentation), and far less in subjective opining.

Homophobic response to fundraising e-mail

Received on 3 September 2017 in response to an opt-in fundraising e-mail

Dear Sir/Madam,

Homosexual is crime, otherwise, mentally ill . No good for anyone and no good for human beings. Repent! Do not continue to fool yourselves and all the others. That is a genuine Advice for all of you, the irresponsible sopporters!

Heavenly Christians are decisively opposite same sex marriage. We will take that as our responsibility to protect every human being and entire human beings.

Response to opt-in campaign e-mail

Received from an unidentified supporter in response to an opt-in Equality Campaign e-mail on 30 August 2017.

You say that the latest ad from the NO campaign was designed to mislead people with red herrings. You also say that the people behind the ad know that Australians believe everyone should have the same opportunity to marry, so they are deliberately resorting to misleading people.

If you & all your followers believe that EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO MARRY, why then are you only promoting just one aspect of a union: same sex marriage? Why are you not fairly promoting the many other different aspects that could be called a marriage? I thought you & all your other like minded rainbow friends believe (to quote the latest & greatest phrase), "ALL LOVE IS EQUAL". Even Bill Shorten was standing in front of Parliament House with signs all around saying just that. If all love is equal, why are you not promoting any other aspect or combination? Why don't you actively promote polygamy so a man can marry eight women - one for every day of the week, & one spare in case one gets in a bad mood? Why don't you promote the right of a man to marry a dog? Why don't you promote the right of a man to marry his daughter? Why don't you promote the right of a man to marry his father? Remember what you all believe: "ALL LOVE IS EQUAL" & "EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO MARRY".

Why why why is the entire discussion of marriage equality only to do with the marriage of two persons of the same gender, & not for example, one man & eight woman? How can you discriminate against polygamy? Why do you not support this aspect, rainbow people? I mean hello, this is 2017, not the dark ages, rainbow people. Why is polygamy against the law? Why are same sex couples more important than anyone else in society? Who appointed these individuals over anyone else? Why do you discriminate against all the other possibilities of marriage between male, female, other, other other, angel, demon etc.

Why do you not support a person's right to marry a fallen angel? It's not as if this type of union hasn't happened before.

Why do you not support the old man who is in love with his 10yr old neighbour but is to worried about discrimination to openly express his love for her (so sad)😭. Who dictates the age of consent? Remember, it's all about love. Love, love, love. Love finds a way. All you need is love. ALL LOVE IS

EQUAL. EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO MARRY Rainbow rainbow rainbow. Stop the intolerance people.

You are cleverly trying to mislead Australians to only support same sex marriage. Even your email address is utter hypocrisy.

You have been snared by the words of your mouth.

The utter hypocrisy & narrow-mindedness only serves to show forth the REAL reason behind this agenda to ONLY promote same sex marriage, & have absolutely no regard for anyone else's beliefs in this country.

Form e-mail – transgender marriage

Distributed to the Equality Campaign and to members of parliament in August 2017 through the Australian Family Association website.

Dear <name>

All Australians of voting age will be asked to vote either Yes or No to same-sex marriage. Does this include transgender people, those who are born one sex and choose to be another?

Transgender means identifying as a gender other than one's biological/birth sex, it's entirely subjective. You can legally identify as being pangender, or gender queer, or non binary or any of the numerous gender identities kids are reading about on social media and being taught in many schools.

Transgender marriage would mean "2 people" are eligible to marry if they are pangender, or genderqueer, or non binary, etc. Then federal anti-discrimination laws would require that transgender marriage be treated as normal in schools. Then schools have to explain that every person's gender is fluid and that children can be other than boys or girls, or that boys can be girls and girls can be boys.

That means that if a boy identifies as a girl, he can use the girls' showers, change rooms, toilets and wear girls' clothes and play in the girls' sports. This can mean that a grade six boy, identifying as a girl, can use the same facilities as younger girls in prep and year one. Is this what you want your children and grandchildren exposed to in schools?

The Qld, NSW, SA and Vic. education departments already require schools to allow students to use either girls' or boys' facilities according to the chosen or preferred gender (see over page). This is to conform with the 2013 amendments to Federal Sex Discrimination Act that defined gender as a person's "gender-related identity, appearance or mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of a person (whether by way of medical intervention or not), with or without regard to the person's designated sex at birth," and erased the definitions of man and woman.

Compulsory transgender sex education: If transgender marriage is legalised, teachers and principals could face discrimination charges if they do not teach that transgender marriage, and people changing their gender, is normal. Our political elites didn't tell us that changing anti-discrimination laws would mean boys identifying as girls using the girls' toilets, change rooms and showers.

Now we are asked to vote on same-sex marriage when it's actually transgender marriage, which would force transgender education into schools.

Transgender students in schools - legal rights and responsibilities

Where reasonably practicable, the student should be treated on the same basis as other students of the same identified gender...

Activities to be considered may include:

Use of toilet and change room facilities;

Excursions including overnight excursions;

School sport;

Curriculum;

Health care planning; and;

Gender transitioning while at school.

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/how-we-operate/legal-issues-bulletins/number_55.pdf

Even taking the above into account, we stand to alienate true transgender students as well as those who are heterosexual. I have yet to meet a girl who is OK or happy to have a male using the same facilities as them.

In taking up the demands of this minority group, allowing them to have their sexuality taught in schools in preference to heterosexual relationships is sending the wrong message to our young immature, still developing children.

How are you going to vote? Will you take into account the very fact the majority of the Australian population is heterosexual? Many, myself included will say Yes when asked by strangers about how they will vote, none of us want confrontation regarding this issue. Perhaps the truth is the vast majority believe a No vote is right.

Mental health positive messaging reportedly 'sexist and homophobic'

The following correspondence was received by The Equality Campaign on 24 August 2017 following a television interview by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on the mental health impacts of a postal survey on LGBTIQ people.

This is a request for your organisation to lead an effort to call out psychologist and self-proclaimed expert on everything (including parenting) Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on his homophobic and sexist claims about the 'damage' done to boys raised in 'fatherless' families.

This morning Michael Carr-Gregg was on ABC News Breakfast, in the middle of this 'marriage vote' debacle, claiming that families without a father damage male children, and cause them to become angry, destructive, rebellious, entitled 'boofheads', and generally terrible and damaged people. He did so to promote his new sexist parenting book 'Prince Boofhead Syndrome', intended to math his other sexist parenting book 'Princess Bitchface Syndrome'. I will let the titles speak for themselves

with respect to this man's unhealthy obsession with gender stereotypes as a method of parenting, and his strategy of using degrading sexism as a means of characterising children.

Seeing this kind of hateful nonsense being spouted by a psychologist will contribute to the acute distress being experienced by LQBTQI Australians of all ages, and increase the hesitance to seek mental health support, lest they come across professional 'help' with these archaic and hateful attitudes.

This man is a member of the board of the Australian Psychological Association, which has released public statements supporting marriage equality, and just recently published an article debunking these kinds of dangerous and haetful claims as false and harmful. The APS Code of Ethics prohibits using one's position as a psychologist to promote discriminatory ideas about gender, sexuality and family structures. Yet this board member continues to engage in this behaviour unchecked. My complaints to the organisation about this behaviour have gone unanswered, despite the organisation promoting itself as having a complaints process and ethics panel for dealing with such breaches of their code.

Unfortunately, this man is loved by the media, and gets a huge amount of airtime for his claims. Therefore his claims should not go unchallenged, as they may influence, as well as hurt, a huge audience of people. The APS should also not be allowed to sit by and shirk its responsibilities while an elected leader of their organisation (who they have the power to rebuke and even remove from his position) cause so much damage, and fail to act because it's all a bit hard and embarrassing.

My efforts to address this issue have gone unanswered. Please help me to stop this 'psychologist' making things worse and hurting vulnerable people. I suspect all it will take will be one Tweet to the APS and/or Michael

'No to f***** marriage'

Correspondence received by the Equality Campaign shortly after the announcement of the postal survey on 21 August 2017.

*Time for action. Time to deal with the fags Chechnyan style. Nazis were very good at it too plus most of the Muslim world of course. 80% of AIDS in USA is carried by fags plus deadly hepatitis c. But what did u expect from feces sex? Yet they want me to celebrate it? Get f***ed! A faggot you are-kill yourself you must! Our noble duty should be to rid the world of filth and join the Muslims in eradicating them. I would kill them for fun if it wasn't illegal.*

The far right-enough is enough. War on all faggots.

Posters, pamphlets and flyers

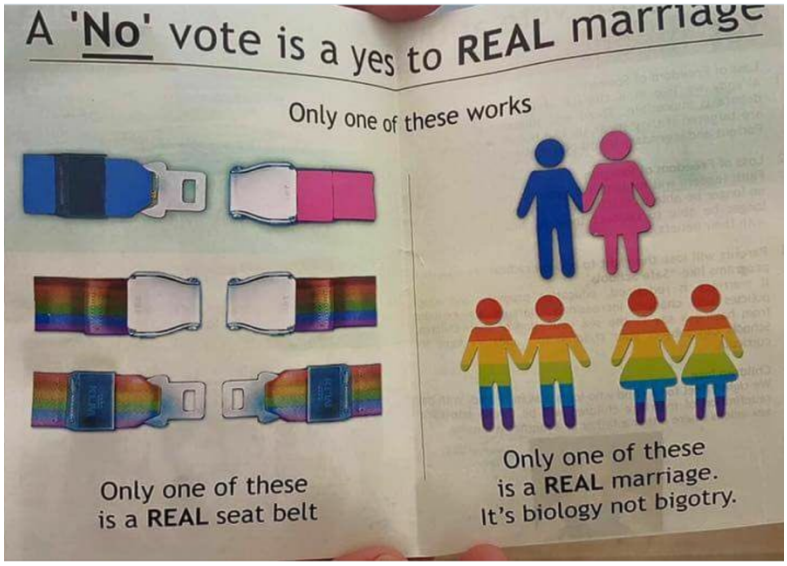
Chinese pamphlet

Produced by Australian Chinese for Families – Received via Facebook on 5 September 2017 by two supporters.

Seatbelt / real family pamphlet

Distributed in Thornbury, Melbourne. Notified via social media by supporter on 4 September 2017

Top Tweet from your timeline



Sally Rugg 🏳️‍🌈
@sallyrugg · 4h

Why are the far right so obsessed with other people's genitals? It's creepy and weird. Grow up.

These in letterboxes in Thornbury, Melb.

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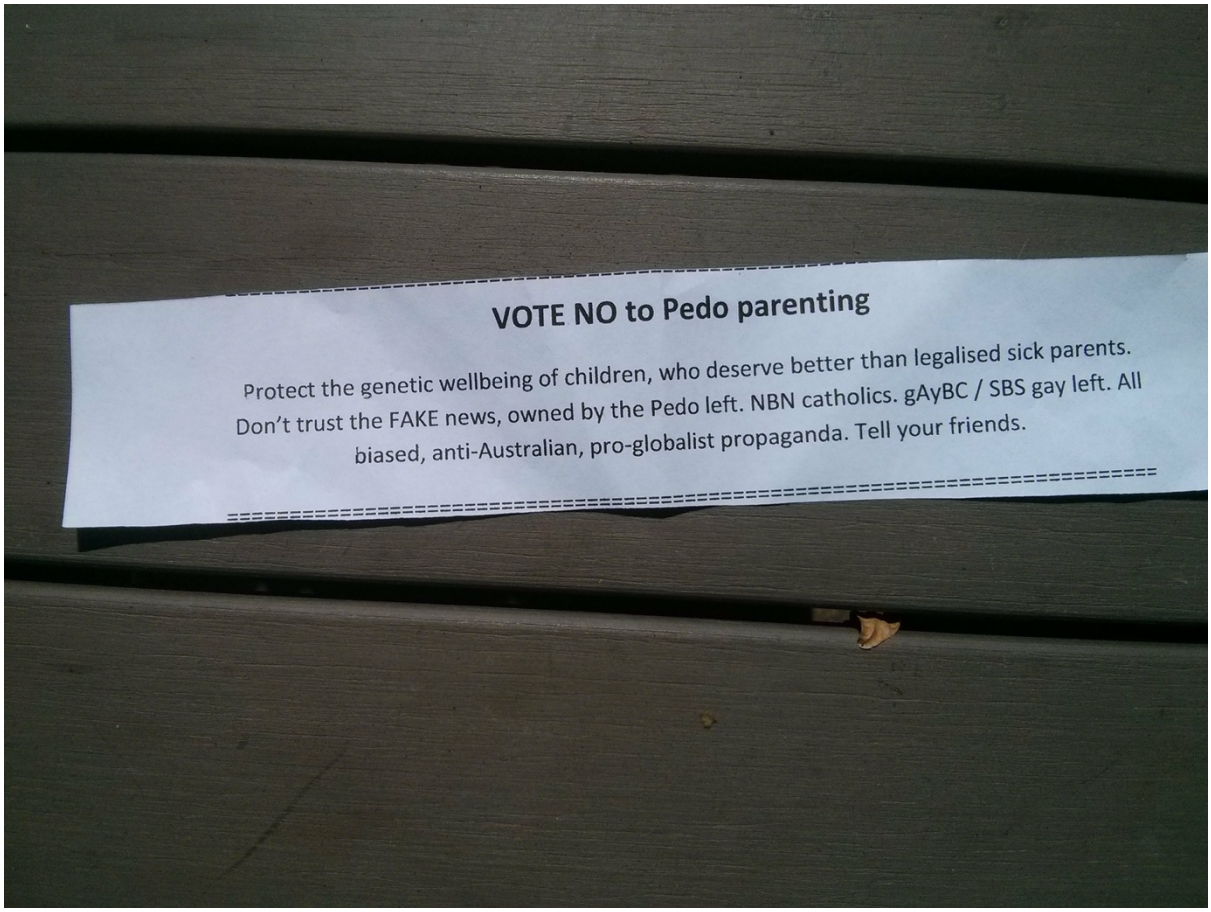
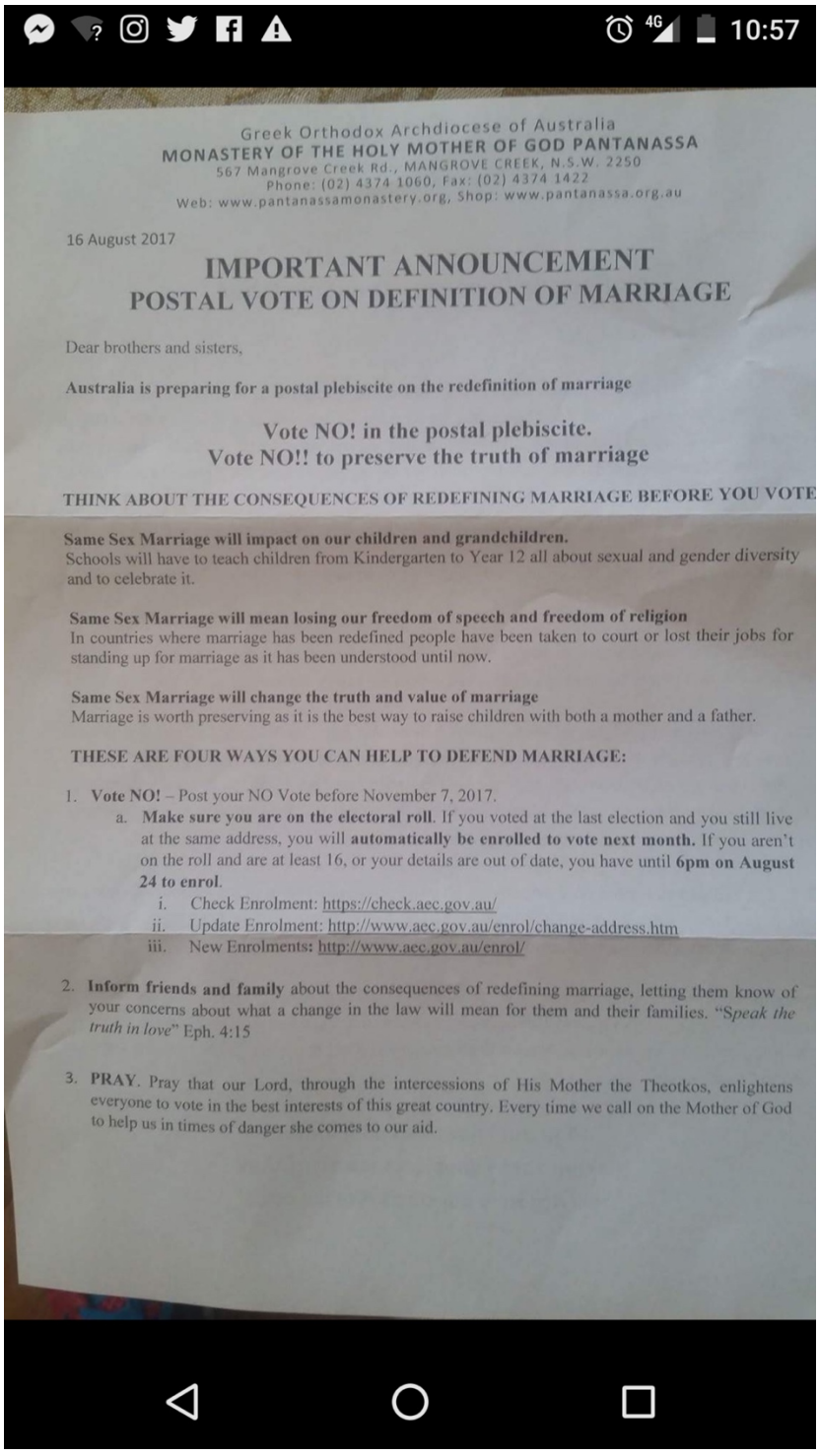
'Vote no to pedo parenting' flyer

Distributed in Gateshead, NSW. Received on 3 September 2017 from Greg G.



'Vote no' to preserve truth of marriage

Distributed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia from 16 August 2017.



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16 August 2017

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
POSTAL VOTE ON DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

Dear brothers and sisters,

Australia is preparing for a postal plebiscite on the redefinition of marriage

Vote NO! in the postal plebiscite.
Vote NO!! to preserve the truth of marriage

THINK ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF REDEFINING MARRIAGE BEFORE YOU VOTE

Same Sex Marriage will impact on our children and grandchildren.
Schools will have to teach children from Kindergarten to Year 12 all about sexual and gender diversity and to celebrate it.

Same Sex Marriage will mean losing our freedom of speech and freedom of religion
In countries where marriage has been redefined people have been taken to court or lost their jobs for standing up for marriage as it has been understood until now.

Same Sex Marriage will change the truth and value of marriage
Marriage is worth preserving as it is the best way to raise children with both a mother and a father.

THESE ARE FOUR WAYS YOU CAN HELP TO DEFEND MARRIAGE:

1. **Vote NO!** – Post your NO Vote before November 7, 2017.
   a. **Make sure you are on the electoral roll**. If you voted at the last election and you still live at the same address, you will **automatically be enrolled to vote next month.** If you aren't on the roll and are at least 16, or your details are out of date, you have until **6pm on August 24 to enrol**.
      i. Check Enrolment: https://check.aec.gov.au/
      ii. Update Enrolment: http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/change-address.htm
      iii. New Enrolments: http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/
2. **Inform friends and family** about the consequences of redefining marriage, letting them know of your concerns about what a change in the law will mean for them and their families. "*Speak the truth in love*" Eph. 4:15
3. **PRAY**. Pray that our Lord, through the intercessions of His Mother the Theotkos, enlightens everyone to vote in the best interests of this great country. Every time we call on the Mother of God to help us in times of danger she comes to our aid.

Transgender marriage pamphlet

Distributed by the Australian Family Association from August 2017.

THE AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The postal marriage survey calls it same-sex marriage, but it's *really*

...transgender marriage

Soon you will receive a postal vote in your letterbox asking your view on redefining marriage. But did you know that a "yes" vote for same-sex marriage will be a vote for transgender marriage?

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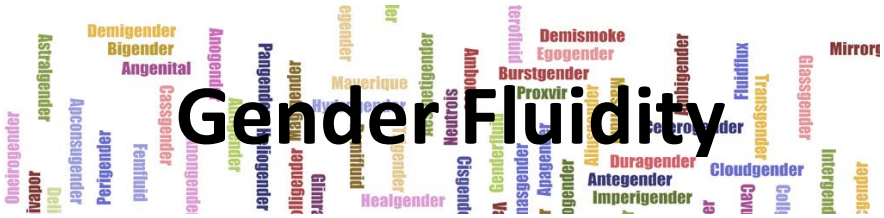


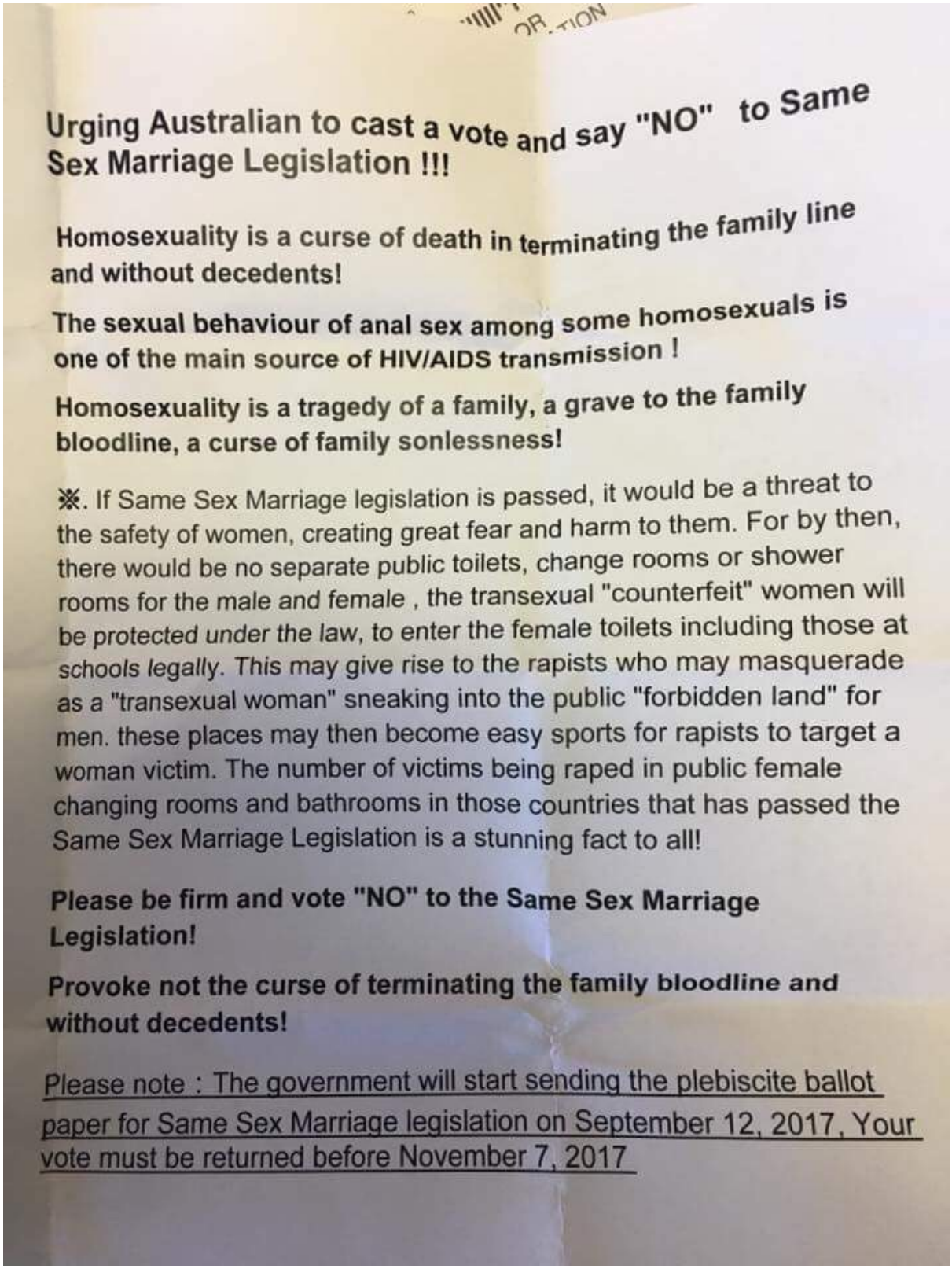
Authorised: Paul Monagle, Australian Family Association, 3-5/1401, Burke Rd, Kew East. Vic 3102

Antipodean resistance flyer

Homophobic flyer posted outside a Melbourne tram stop on 27 August 2017.

'Homosexuality is death of family' pamphlet

Distributed amongst the Australian Chinese community. Received in correspondence on 25 August 2017.



Urging Australian to cast a vote and say "NO" to Same Sex Marriage Legislation !!!

Homosexuality is a curse of death in terminating the family line and without decedents!

The sexual behaviour of anal sex among some homosexuals is one of the main source of HIV/AIDS transmission !

Homosexuality is a tragedy of a family, a grave to the family bloodline, a curse of family sonlessness!

※. If Same Sex Marriage legislation is passed, it would be a threat to the safety of women, creating great fear and harm to them. For by then, there would be no separate public toilets, change rooms or shower rooms for the male and female , the transexual "counterfeit" women will be protected under the law, to enter the female toilets including those at schools legally. This may give rise to the rapists who may masquerade as a "transexual woman" sneaking into the public "forbidden land" for men. these places may then become easy sports for rapists to target a woman victim. The number of victims being raped in public female changing rooms and bathrooms in those countries that has passed the Same Sex Marriage Legislation is a stunning fact to all!

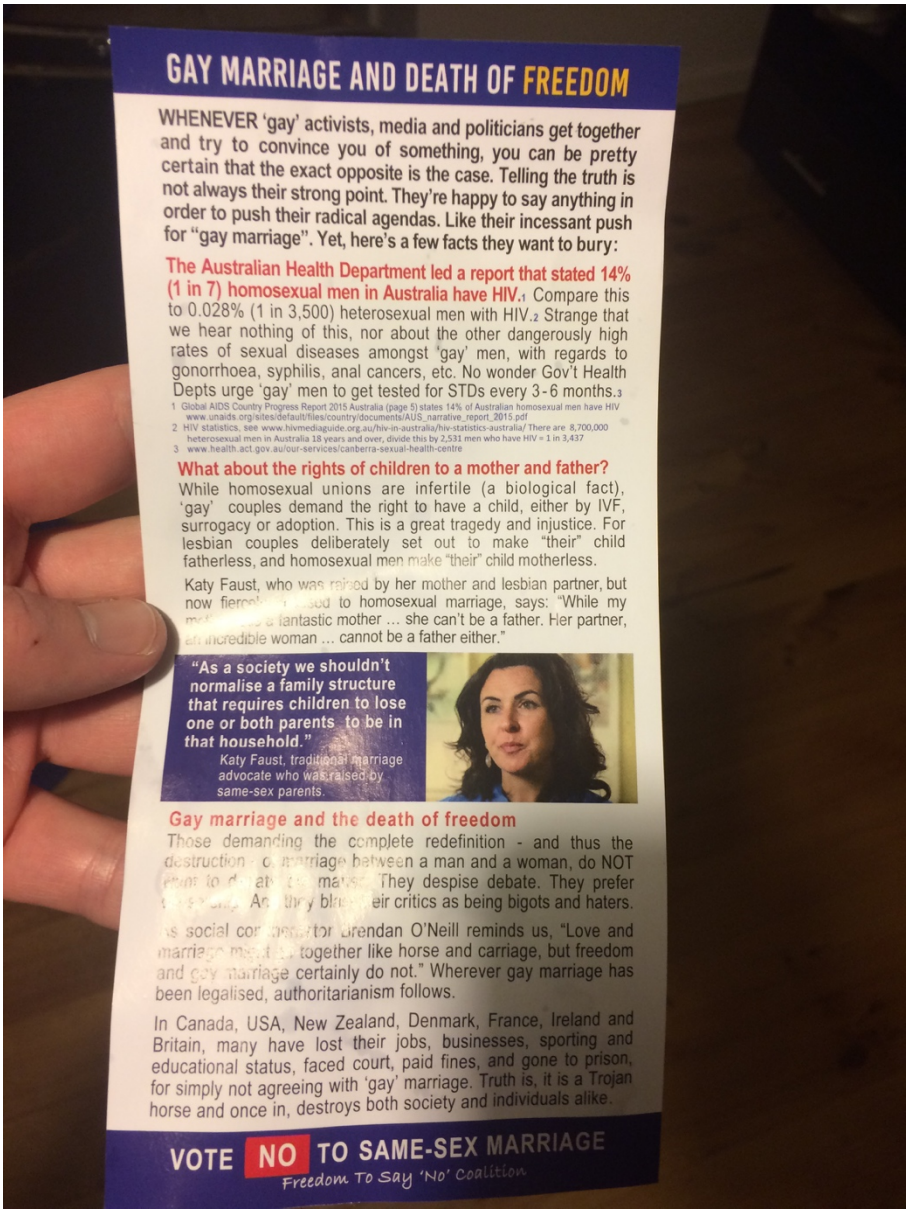
Please be firm and vote "NO" to the Same Sex Marriage Legislation!

Provoke not the curse of terminating the family bloodline and without decedents!

Please note : The government will start sending the plebiscite ballot paper for Same Sex Marriage legislation on September 12, 2017, Your vote must be returned before November 7, 2017

Gay marriage and the 'death of freedom'

The following flyer was distributed in Adelaide in the first week of September.



GAY MARRIAGE AND DEATH OF FREEDOM

WHENEVER 'gay' activists, media and politicians get together and try to convince you of something, you can be pretty certain that the exact opposite is the case. Telling the truth is not always their strong point. They're happy to say anything in order to push their radical agendas. Like their incessant push for "gay marriage". Yet, here's a few facts they want to bury:

The Australian Health Department led a report that stated 14% (1 in 7) homosexual men in Australia have HIV.[1] Compare this to 0.028% (1 in 3,500) heterosexual men with HIV.[2] Strange that we hear nothing of this, nor about the other dangerously high rates of sexual diseases amongst 'gay' men, with regards to gonorrhoea, syphilis, anal cancers, etc. No wonder Gov't Health Depts urge 'gay' men to get tested for STDs every 3-6 months.[3]

1 Global AIDS Country Progress Report 2015 Australia (page 5) states 14% of Australian homosexual men have HIV www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/country/documents/AUS_narrative_report_2015.pdf
2 HIV statistics, see www.hivmediaguide.org.au/hiv-in-australia/hiv-statistics-australia/ There are 8,700,000 heterosexual men in Australia 18 years and over, divide this by 2,531 men who have HIV = 1 in 3,437
3 www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/canberra-sexual-health-centre

What about the rights of children to a mother and father?

While homosexual unions are infertile (a biological fact), 'gay' couples demand the right to have a child, either by IVF, surrogacy or adoption. This is a great tragedy and injustice. For lesbian couples deliberately set out to make "their" child fatherless, and homosexual men make "their" child motherless.

Katy Faust, who was raised by her mother and lesbian partner, but now fiercely [illegible] to homosexual marriage, says: "While my [illegible] a fantastic mother … she can't be a father. Her partner, an incredible woman … cannot be a father either."

"As a society we shouldn't normalise a family structure that requires children to lose one or both parents to be in that household."

Katy Faust, traditional marriage advocate who was raised by same-sex parents.

Gay marriage and the death of freedom

Those demanding the complete redefinition - and thus the destruction - of marriage between a man and a woman, do NOT [illegible] They despise debate. They prefer [illegible] And they bl[illegible]eir critics as being bigots and haters.

As social co[illegible]tor Brendan O'Neill reminds us, "Love and marriage [illegible] together like horse and carriage, but freedom and gay marriage certainly do not." Wherever gay marriage has been legalised, authoritarianism follows.

In Canada, USA, New Zealand, Denmark, France, Ireland and Britain, many have lost their jobs, businesses, sporting and educational status, faced court, paid fines, and gone to prison, for simply not agreeing with 'gay' marriage. Truth is, it is a Trojan horse and once in, destroys both society and individuals alike.

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Media articles and social media posts

Pamphlets distributed in Sydney – Local elections

Published in Sydney Morning Herald – 5 September 2017-09-05

Homophobic pamphlets circulated in Sydney ahead of local government elections

Social media post – Canberra marriage equality rally

Posted on social media on 2 September 2017.

Homophobic posters – Brisbane (West End)

Reported on by the Sydney Morning Herald on 31 August 2017.

'F--- off Nazi scum': West End hits back at homophobic posters

West End Uniting Church social media post

West End Uniting Church reported on social media (and notified The Equality Campaign) on 31 August 2017 that their property was vandalised after including a message that was in support of marriage equality.

Homophobic graffiti in Sydney

Reported by the Star Observer on 29 August 2017.

Homophobic graffiti in Sydney shocks gay newlyweds

'The same-sex marriage brigade need to be humbled'

Reported in The Spectator Australia on 28 August 2017.

The same-sex marriage brigade need to be humbled

Spike in calls to support helplines

Reported on in the Canberra Times on 27 August 2017.

'Our fears have been realised': Plebiscite sees spike in calls to counsellors

'Holding the Man' – tyre slashing incident

During a performance of the 'Holding The Man' play in Sydney, the tyres on cars that belonged to cast members and attendees were slashed. This incident received wide coverage in the media.

People Had Their Tyres Slashed Outside A Performance Of Iconic Gay Story "Holding The Man" - Buzzfeed

Sydney Production of Holding The Man targeted in alleged hate crime – Daily Review

Letter written to family member on postal plebiscite

On 23 August 2017, Buzzfeed reported on the letter a godmother wrote to her 7 year old godson after he was told his family wasn't real during public discussion on marriage equality.

This Woman Wrote A Beautiful Letter To Her 7-Year-Old Godson After He Was Told His Family Wasn't "Real"

Personal stories

Vandalism of property

Received from Lucinda F – 5 September 2017

A friend took a 'town hall' call last week about marriage equality. She cannot recall any company/group identification. The recording asked her to press 1 or 2 depending on whether yes/no. She will be voting yes, so she pressed the relevant number. An operator came on, did not identify themselves and said that as she was a 'yes' voter, would she like some more material, and if so, could she confirm her address. The operator said they got her details from the White Pages. My friend agreed to more material and confirmed her address. Two days later, her letter box was torn apart. To date, no extra material has been delivered.

I think these events are linked.

The police were notified, but did not think the events are linked.
I told my friend that pollsters do not send additional material, and if the operator/the operator's group were happy with her voting 'yes', they would not have sent more material as it is a waste of resources to supply these to the converted.

I think it is a no-vote related exercise, and if so, then unethical. Additionally, willful damage to property etc.

Thought I'd pass it on to you in case you are hearing of other incidents.

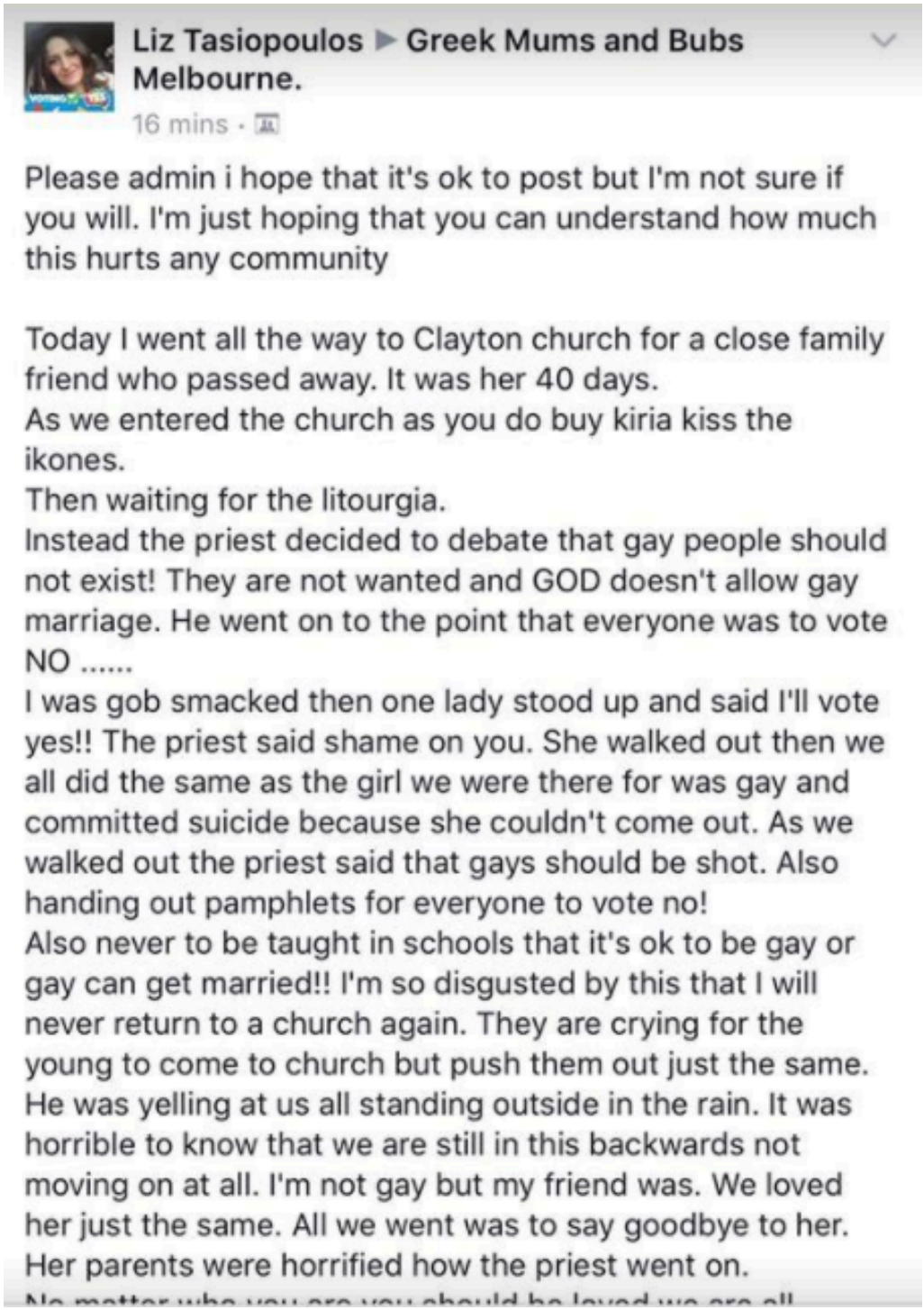
Religious service 'no' speech

Received from a Christian Studies teacher, 4 September 2017

"One of my Year 8 boys was very upset in class today. He is a very devout Armenian Orthodox Christian, and sings in the choir at his church. The elderly leader of his church visited his church on Sunday to speak for an HOUR explaining that the congregation MUST vote "No." My student was very upset. He thought nobody should be telling someone how they could vote. His classmates are on both sides of the debate but the discussion was very respectful. As a straight guy, I am finding the No campaign very hurtful and distressing. "

Hate speech, Clayton Church

Posted by supporter, and received on 4 September 2017



Liz Tasiopoulos ▶ Greek Mums and Bubs Melbourne.

16 mins ·

Please admin i hope that it's ok to post but I'm not sure if you will. I'm just hoping that you can understand how much this hurts any community

Today I went all the way to Clayton church for a close family friend who passed away. It was her 40 days.
As we entered the church as you do buy kiria kiss the ikones.
Then waiting for the litourgia.
Instead the priest decided to debate that gay people should not exist! They are not wanted and GOD doesn't allow gay marriage. He went on to the point that everyone was to vote NO .....
I was gob smacked then one lady stood up and said I'll vote yes!! The priest said shame on you. She walked out then we all did the same as the girl we were there for was gay and committed suicide because she couldn't come out. As we walked out the priest said that gays should be shot. Also handing out pamphlets for everyone to vote no!
Also never to be taught in schools that it's ok to be gay or gay can get married!! I'm so disgusted by this that I will never return to a church again. They are crying for the young to come to church but push them out just the same. He was yelling at us all standing outside in the rain. It was horrible to know that we are still in this backwards not moving on at all. I'm not gay but my friend was. We loved her just the same. All we went was to say goodbye to her. Her parents were horrified how the priest went on.
No matter who you are you should be loved we are all

HIV used as part of 'No' argument

Received by Mark on 4 September 2017; supporter using AIDS as a reason to campaign/advocate for a 'No' vote.

Church priest says 'gays should be shot'

News.com.au reported on 5 September 2017 that a priest at a Greek Orthodox Church in Melbourne made comments that gay people should be shot during the middle of a service.

Claims parishioners were 'screamed at' by anti-same-sex marriage priest who demanded his flock all vote no

Damage to property

Vandalised rainbow flag – Perth

On 2 September 2017, 9 News Perth reported on a rainbow flag being vandalised. After engaging with the campaign, and media reporting on the vandalism, the supporter sent the campaign the following message:

"The fb trollers in the 9 news Perth site threatened to burn my flag. As I'm in a bush fire area... I've taken it down in fear.
So sorry.
I'll just vote
No police
No media
This is just too scary!
So sorry.
My son said 'now I'm famous for being gay and crying for 2 days' because of what I said in the news.
So unfair of those people.
Thanks
And good luck!!!"

'Yes' artwork vandalised

The creator of the artwork, Julia B, posted on social media about their artwork being vandalised, and contacted the campaign on 1 September 2017.

Personal property vandalised

The following message was received by four supporters from the federal electorate of Gilmore on 30 August 2017.

I would like my families experience to be part of the discussion about the nature of the marriage equality debate. My family believe very strongly that marriage equality is a right of all people and have been frustrated by the way in which the government has dealt with this issue. We felt that many people in the community would feel isolated and under attack as part of this plebiscite with approval given for derogatory statements to promote the no vote.

I am married and live in Huskisson with my husband and 19yr old son, my daughter is in Sydney and has a similar sign on her verandah. We wrote a message of support on our fence to encourage others to engage in a positive way in the vote and to ensure that people did not forget to vote or think that it wasn't important. It is also a way of showing support to the LGBTQI community in our local area.

The photo attached shows the defacing of that sign which must have happened during the night, they also took the small rainbow flag we had attached to the fence in this deliberate act of harassment and abuse.

I was surprised by the strength of my response to this vandalism as I felt devastated by the nastiness and the personal attack on gay men. As a teacher at the local highschool for 23years I have seen many young people bullied and tormented on the basis of their sexuality and the resulting detrimental effect on their health and educational outcomes. It is unbelievable that we are giving a public airing to these views with disregard to the impact on lives. I had hoped that this debate would rise above school yard tactics but I am fearful for the mental health of LGBTQI people with such horrible attitudes and actions.

My sons immediate response was to get angry as he is such a compassionate and caring young man and it is easy to see how these types of issues will quickly escalate into violence. After discussing what to do we have all decided to create a more vibrant and bigger sign to show that ugliness should always be countered with beauty. However, that is easy for us to say as it is not our lives which are under attack. My shock, anger and sadness are reminders in some tiny way what a travesty this open debate is and we believe strongly that it will have far reaching health impacts on so many.

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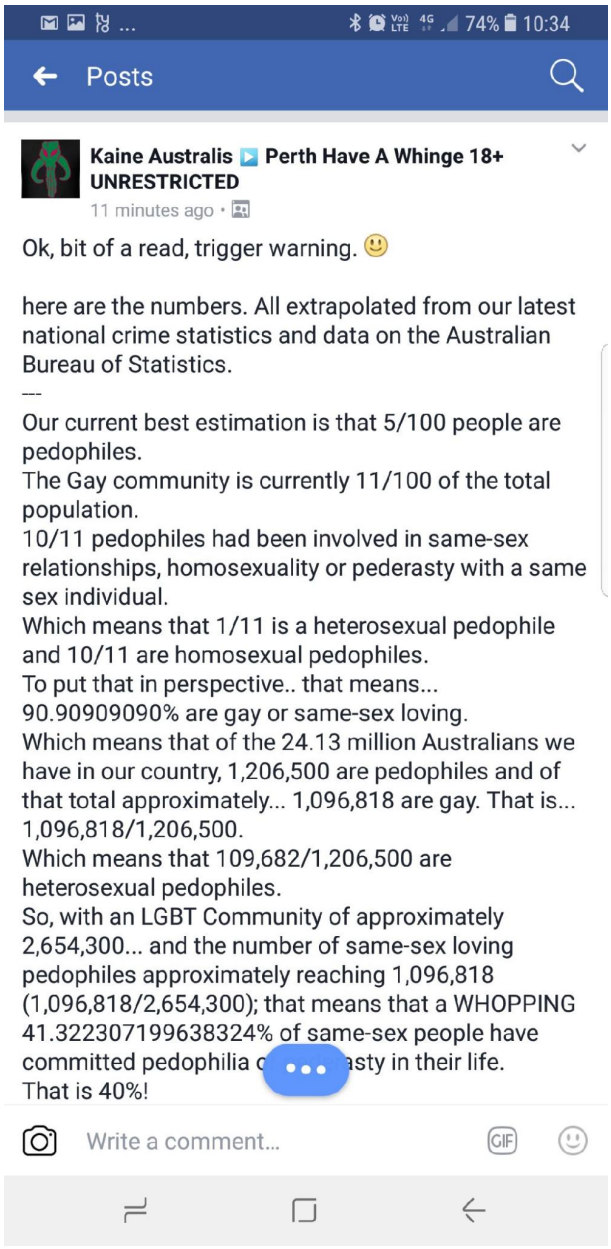
Church property vandalised

The Richmond Uniting Church reported that their rainbow flag displayed outside their church was vandalised on 21 August 2017.

Other survey related material

Pedophilia social media posting

The following post was circulated and shared on social media, and received by a supporter on 4 September 2017



'Ok to say no' newsletter distribution

A new newsletter that began circulation following the announcement of a postal survey in August 2017.

It's Ok to Say No – Issue 1