

To whom it concerns,

It has come to my attention that the new anti-discrimination laws are unfair. Rather than promote tolerance they forbid people to have free speech lest they *offend* someone by having differing religious or political beliefs. (see clause 17).

Also, Australia has long been a country where religious freedom has been celebrated. Religious bodies should be free to practice their religion without the intervention of the state, and the church state divide should be maintained.

Lastly it is unjust for respondents not to have legal advice, or for people to be presumed guilty until proven innocent.

As the Bill stands now it is more likely to discriminate than counter discrimination. **Please reject or amend the bill so that the church state divide is maintained and the onus of proof is the accusing parties responsibility, and respondents are given opportunity for legal representation.**

Thank you kindly,

Ben and Kate Murphy