

Dear Sir,

Below is our submission to the Enquiry on the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012.

We note with great concern the addition of the protected attribute of gender identity proposed by this Bill. It may seem harmless enough, until one considers the real effects that such recognition in law can produce.

It was reported recently (<http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/7770>) that a school in America has upheld the 'rights' of a male transvestite to use the girl's changing rooms because he 'identifies as a woman'. The reason given for not arresting this pervert, but continuing to let him use the changing rooms was because of non-discrimination!

The report states: "college officials claimed that its non-discrimination policy doesn't allow the school to stop a man from exposing himself to girls as young as six years old in a women's locker room. A local district attorney has also stated that he doesn't plan to enforce the state's indecent exposure statute to protect the girls.

The 45-year-old male student, who dresses as a woman and goes by the name Colleen Francis, undressed and exposed his male genitalia on several occasions in the presence of young girls who use the college's locker rooms."

It is foolish to think that passing legislation of this sort won't produce a whole host of similar cases in Australia. It is the girls and women who need protecting from these perverts, but this legislation will remove that protection.

In light of the many types of abuses which will be sanctioned by this Bill, we therefore call on the committee to recommend it be rejected completely.

Yours faithfully,

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