

### **Freedom of Speech**

On 4 December 2015 George Youssef, a street preacher from the Operation 513 Team on the Gold Coast was handcuffed and arrested and taken into custody. He had **refused to stop preaching** after a police sergeant told George and his team to move on after he had mentioned some sins in the Bible. This took place even though the 513 Operation Team had official authorisation and had preached often in that location.

### **Freedom of Assembly**

Threats of violence in a ferocious social media storm by same-sex 'marriage' advocates in September 2016 forced the Mercure Sydney Airport Hotel **to cancel the booking** of Christian groups planning to meet to discuss same-sex 'marriage' and the proposed plebiscite. They later had to meet in secret at an alternate venue.

### **Freedom of Belief**

The introduction of the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program across Australia tramples the religious freedom of children and their parents with the **forced indoctrination** of children with a godless radical sexual ideology. This completely undermines and usurps the authority of parents to raise their children according to their religious convictions about marriage and family.

### **Freedom of Conscience**

In 2013, Dr Mark Hobart, a Melbourne GP and practising Christian underwent a seven-month investigation by the Medical Board of Victoria. He refused to refer a couple to another doctor for the abortion of a healthy 19-week unborn baby, simply because it was a girl. Proposed abortion laws for Queensland and NSW **strip away the freedom of conscience** of life-affirming health practitioners who believe in the sanctity of human life.

### **Freedom of the Press**

Archbishop Julian Porteous faced legal action by the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commission for **producing and distributing a booklet** which respectfully explained the traditional Catholic view on marriage to parents of Catholic school children. The complainant was a Greens candidate urged on by the leadership of Marriage Equality. Even though the complaint lodged in November 2015 was withdrawn on 5 May 2016, the legal fees, time and energy consumed were considerable. The process proved to be the punishment.

### **Freedom of Grievance**

In April 2013 Major Bernard Gaynor lodged a complaint with the Chief of Defence Staff stating that uniformed participation in the Sydney Mardis Gras **breached Defence orders** and also **mocked and denigrated Christian beliefs**. Sadly, on 10 July 2014, the Australian Army terminated Major Bernard Gaynor's commission.

### **Freedom of Association**

The Equal Opportunity Act 2010 passed by the Victorian Labor government violated religious freedom by **forcing religious organisations** to employ people who don't share their values. When the Coalition won the state election in 2010 they rescinded the Act with its unreasonable employment test. Last year the Labor government, after returning to power, tried unsuccessfully to re-introduce the Act.

### **Freedom of Movement**

In November 2013 Tasmania established 150 metre exclusion zones around abortion facilities. Stiff penalties of \$9,750 or 12 months in prison would be imposed on anyone 'protesting' within the exclusion zone. Graham Preston is before the court on this charge at present. In the ACT, on 29 July 2016, Kerry Mellor, who is part of a group that has been praying outside an abortion clinic for the last 18 years was **charged for praying silently** on the street within the exclusion zone.

The following 10 people submitted versions of a Form Letter which were identical or substantially similar to Form Letter 7.

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