

Dear Committee members.

I am a concerned citizen worried about the " Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012" which is before your committee. A similar bill in Victoria caused problems for two innocent pastors. I am concerned that the onus of proof will change and religious bodies will not be able to discriminate on sexual orientation or gender identity grounds. It will impose unprecedented restrictions on free speech and already leading members of our community have spoken out against its passage through parliament.

Such a bill would undermine religious freedom.

I humbly ask you to vote against such legislation.

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