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Submission to the Sexual Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Intersex Status) Bill

It is deeply concerning that we have before us another Bill that would increase the ability for minority interest groups to use so called discrimination law against the majority of the people of this land. As has been seen in past times, discrimination laws have given rise to those who hold to deviant life styles to militantly use such laws to silence any opposition or any who would argue against their behaviour. We have gone to war to preserve our liberty to speak openly & decently on any subject. Discrimination laws actually discriminate against the vast majority who do not agree with the behaviour of those persons that these laws pretend to protect. We now have such extensive laws which class as discrimination any speech or action that would be seen or interpreted as discrimination by those in the groups defined in those laws. We have seen abuse in the Tribunals where doctors have been brought before Tribunals for speaking the truth as regards to health issues related to the homosexual lifestyle. We have seen Andrew Bolt prosecuted for alleged discrimination against aboriginals when in fact he was simply reporting facts. Sadly the court found him guilty based on the law which the vast majority of Australians would reject.

The potential for such travesties of justice are again before us if this Bill is passed. It should not be even in Parliament. The Inquiry site states that it is not the intent of this Bill to restrict freedom of thought, conscience, and religion & belief in respect of the new grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity. It is significant that it does not state that we would not see restriction of freedom of speech or freedom to act according to our belief. In reality this Bill would simply add to the laws that already take away our freedoms that were fought for when we went to war to stop tyrants from taking away our liberties. The Bill would prevent any from speaking out against lifestyles that conflicted with an individual's belief & convictions. This is very wrong. It is stated on the official site that exemptions would remain for religious organisations. I doubt that because once the law is passed someone will then push for no exemptions just as they do now for other discrimination laws. Politicians are meant to protect the people from injustice, not be the authors of it. This Bill just adds to many unjust discrimination Bills that take away freedom from the majority & is in itself discriminatory & should be withdrawn. Bills like this enforce discrimination by the minority against the majority. They are used as excuses to undermine morality & decency. They are used to attack Christian belief & to silence any who would hold to a Biblical belief.

If we are not classified as a religious organisation, we have no defence against this Bill. If we do not agree with so called sexual orientation or gender identity definitions & behaviour & state that publicly or privately, we are potential targets for those malicious militants who engage in this behaviour & who want everyone to agree with them & who will use the law to silence any opponents. There will be no ability to teach children that there is no such thing as sexual orientation or gender identity. This concept is one which causes confusion in young people, especially when those who push this agenda use it as a means to draw children into this deviant thought pattern before they should even be thinking about their gender in a sexual manner. Adults can no longer protect their children from the deviant predators who would use the public mediums like the public school system to push the philosophy that we all need to work out what sexual orientation we follow or what gender we identify with. The reality is that we are either male or female by birth. Children do not need to choose something that is not able to be chosen. Politicians should be protecting children from this type of brainwashing propaganda, not aiding & abetting these deviants by putting in place laws that enable them to silence those who oppose them.

In the work place we should have the ability to uphold standards that reflect our beliefs. This law along with others already in place take away that right. Those who pass these laws have a lot to answer for when they remove basic freedoms under the guise of protecting minorities from perceived discrimination.

In saying this, no one is suggesting that malicious behaviour or language should be used against any people who follow this type of lifestyle. However, this Bill would only add to the laws that frighten people to silence.

If this Bill passes, one wonders if we will then see discrimination laws that prevent speech & action against those who are heterosexual. Will heterosexual people be given the right to claim discrimination when the homosexual lobby, gender identity people etc. speak against those who oppose their behaviour & try to keep people from being led into tragic lifestyle mistakes by these people? I doubt that the framers of this law have any interest or concern for the vast majority who do not believe in the sexual orientation, gender identity lie but adhere to the reality that a male is a male & that a female is a female as created & chosen by God when they entered this world.

We do not need an expansion of discrimination laws, especially as they relate to sexual orientation or gender identity. Please reject this attempt to further erode freedom in this country.