

**Submission
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**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS AND
EQUALITY) BILL 2020**

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Dear Members,

Recent history has shown us that the belief structure of many in our communities are becoming under attack because of some very contrasting world views colliding in a fashion that has not been seen for many centuries. Some recent examples are: the wedding cake maker who due to his strong Christian beliefs was unprepared to make a cake for a same sex couple's wedding due to the decoration on the cake was in opposition to his strongly held beliefs – he was pursued through the courts; The Brethren's camp facility was sought to be hired out by a homosexual group to "celebrate their homosexuality" and this planned camp adventure was against the ethos of the owners of this site and when this was refused they were pursued through the courts. A Catholic Priest distributed information regarding God's purpose in marriage and because that did not include same sex relationships this priest was pursued through the courts; a football player posted what was his deeply held belief and posted a passage from the Bible on his Facebook page and was sacked and pursued through the courts.

I could raise many other examples but I will resist the temptation though I should point out the LGTBIQ activists promote about all relationship that they find appealing and yet they expressly choose to miss out the most prevalent and most natural – that is the heterosexual relationships, in fact they claim to speak of such things of heterosexual relationships is heteronormative cognitivism as if it is a disease. This so called sexual approach is now presented as if anyone who is a heterosexual has been brainwashed into a heteronormative cognitive mind set. The extension of this goes on to the fluid gender theories that are being either presented or backgrounded into the school system to the point that a very young person who becomes confused about their sexual identity can be isolated from their parents and others that may hold a different view and the child is put on a path towards gender reassignment. Some may hold that this is a belief structure that cause these zealots to

attempt to re-jig society to a totally different world view; yet the harm done has no identifiable and provable benefits. For a person's strong belief to show a person that is on the path to gender reassignment needs re-assessment and effectively evaluated is being considered in some quarters as a potential criminal act; so that laws have been and are being considered to prevent any attempt to "rescue" a person from gender re-assignment and back to their original sexually identity as it was at birth.

With all these matters the collision of the world views is coming together and the capacity of people to intellectually follow any reasonable research is being compromised because of the necessity to be accepting certain basic religious belief systems and these belief systems underpin all of society and cannot be restricted to the normally accepted religious institutions. While atheists may not accept that they depend upon a belief system they actually do since the existence of God or the lack of the existence of God cannot be intellectually proven one way or the other both views must be believed and that is the primary starting point of any religion – that is something is believed for a person to have a religious faith.

In all I have written while some may be offended if challenged in one of the areas of their beliefs this is how factual information has been established over the centuries and we ought to never lose the right to push barriers in the areas of public discussions and conversely if I have an interest that has a belief structure that may become the foundation of my business or association I ought to be able to create an association of like-minded persons. If we do this a same-sex cake maker will be able to produce wedding cakes for same sex weddings while a Christian cake maker may produce wedding cakes just for Heterosexual weddings. This should be a protected right, in my view.

When I go shopping for fruit I discriminate as to which fruit I wish to purchase. Just as when I go to a restaurant I discriminate as to the sort of dietary requirements of the food I will order, if the restaurant

does not have the capacity to supply food to my dietary requirements I can choose to go to another place or adjust my dietary requirements to what is on offer.

In Summary the ethos of each organisation should not have to be compromised to employ a person, to supply their products to any member of the public, as long as it is done respectfully. Parents ought to be involved in the full development process of their children and the state ought not to override the parental right unless there is clear evidence that the child is in danger from the parents. Freedom to discuss respectfully views that others may not agree with must also be protected and I am not that certain that this bill goes far enough to protect open and free discussion on all matters in the areas of beliefs that one may hold from time to time.

Yours in Good Faith
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