


**Submission  
No 188**

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

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Parliamentary Committee  
Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms & Equality) Bill 2020  
Parliament House NSW  
Sydney. 2000

Dear Committee Chair,

I write in support of Mr Mark Latham's NSW Religious Discrimination Bill.

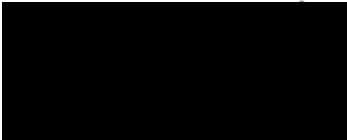
We strongly believe people should not be penalised or discriminated against for their private or personal religious viewpoints. Thus a florist shop owner should not be penalised for not providing flowers for a gay wedding, if it contravenes his or her religious beliefs. There seems to be a rising bias in society to sideline or even punish the expression of a Christian view that differs from the crowd mentality or media push.

We support Mr. P Ruddocks's Review where he recommends protection for religious belief and activity. It is vital that "religious ethos organisations" be permitted to express their preferences in their employment and other areas /contexts. This means Religious Schools could employ teachers of their own faith, or other faiths or no faith at all, at their discretion.

Section 22M covers this adequately.

We make no apology for stating that Freedom of Religion lies at the core of all Human rights and freedoms.

Yours faithfully,



Helen and Brian McKelleher.