

**Submission  
No 162**

**INQUIRY INTO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT  
(COMPLAINT HANDLING) BILL 2020**

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As Anzac Day passed I have once again reflected on the sacrifices made by many Australian men and women in conflict. They would have come from all walks of life and various political persuasions. Many diverse views and thoughts on life.

I am persuaded to believe that in spite of these differences they would have all rallied to uphold the freedoms we have in this wonderful country. Religious freedoms would have been amongst those values.

The ADB, I believe has been found wanting in protecting the freedom of individuals to express religious beliefs. Our nation was founded on a Christian heritage. Our rule of law receives its tenants from the Magna Carta based on biblical values. Individuals should be allowed to express their religious beliefs without being discriminated against by government established bodies like the ADB.

If we truly value our freedom we have in Australia we must continue to allow free speech. Open discussion in any society is healthy and should be encouraged and not be curtailed by over zealous government established bodies.

We must protect freedom of speech in Australia.