To the Senate Committee dealing with the proposed bill, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012.

Dear Senators,

1.This proposed bill has not been generally discussed in the community and the closing timing for submissions if very bad timing.

A few days before Christmas when most people are busy preparing for holidays and family get togethers.

The deadline should be changed to give more of the general community time to study the proposed bill and to respond.

2.The Bill seems to be redundant, our human rights are already protected and anti discrimination is already ensured to the whole community.

Some of the proposed changes appear to be bringing in changes that are the very opposite of what is accepted as Australian rights in our culture.

This bill seems more to do with making Australians accept what we have in our history rejected as unacceptable i.e. the interference of the Government
to our freedom of speech to make us accept changes to our society that have been lately forced on us.

Multiculture has never passed a referendum in this country and to use this bill under the guise of Human rights to change our constitution without due process is undemocratic.

Homosexual practices were banned until the 1980's and the Aids epidemic that followed is not forgotten by our community were so many non homosexuals were
infected by blood donations. It is improper to force a community to accept these practices as 'normal" now to the degree that same sex relationships are put on a
par with legal marriages. These people who want to live in such a way are only 4% of the population. Put this matter to the voters via referendum.
To put in the bill that we must accept what has not been agreed too by the majority of Australians is to deny us our democratic rights.

Conclusion:

This bill is then self serving by the Labour Minister, it is more the type of bill one would expect to see in a Totalitarian country , not Australia.

It will be opposed by the majority of Australians.

Senators please reject this self serving bill outright. Give a clear message to the Attorney General, her role is to protect Australians rights not undermine them.

Thank you.
Yours sincerely
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