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Supplementary submission
To Exposure Draft of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012

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Further to our submission dated: Thursday, 20 December 2012.

We note from the Media Release, dated 20 November 2012, issued by the Hon Nicola Roxon MP, Attorney-General and Senator the Hon Penny Wong, in regard to the contents of the Exposure Draft of the Bill, the following paragraph:-

Religious exemptions will continue under the current scheme, except in relation to *aged care* whereby Commonwealth funded aged care providers will no longer be permitted to discriminate on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity. This change is consistent with the introduction of protection against sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination and in recognition that aged care services become a person's home.

We are particularly concerned that there is no mention of a person with HIV/AIDS being also protected in the same way from discrimination in aged care facilities or for that matter in any other form of care establishment such as a hospice or hospital or their home. This is another reason why this limited amount of religious exemption should be recognised as unfair by the Inquiry and should be extended to all forms of care regardless of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity or HIV status

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