

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to the NT Discrimination Act.

I have concerns about a number of aspects of the proposed changes. The Act must be for all Territorians, not for the few trying to shut down freedom of speech, freedom of religion, etc.

Terms "offend" and "insult" should be removed. These are airy fairy and will stop free speech and respectful discussion. Although there is much I can say I will keep my comments brief.

Questions 1, 2 & 3

No. There is male and female.

Making it illegal to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation will allow pedophilia, incest, polygamy, bestiality and other perversions. Where does it stop?

Question 5 & 6

Victims of domestic violence should be helped. However, business owners and landlords should not be forced by the Discrimination Act to take on domestic violence victims when their own safety, the safety of others around them and their property is put at risk.

Question 10

No.

This will be open to abuse by groups with agendas to push.

Question 14

No.

Christians, Christian churches and Christian schools play an important role in the community. To remove the exemptions would open up churches, schools, businesses etc to vilification, attack and abuse. This has already been well documented overseas and indeed in Australia with Churches being abused for their SSM stance. Why would Christian schools stay open if they have no control on who they can employ and what they can teach. People are not forced to go to Christian schools. The parents choose to send their children there.

Question 20

No.

We are biologically a man or a woman. Vulnerable members of our society are particularly at risk when people transgender with all that that entails (shared toilets etc)

Question 21

No

There is a dangerous push by certain minorities to make changes in our society that will stifle freedom of speech, freedom of religion, etc. Unfortunately, the proposed changes to the Act encourages that push.

Regards

