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Thankyou for allowing me to share a few comments on the Discussion Paper released by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice on the proposed reforms to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1993.

The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart have been over the past 100 years an important part of the N T community. They have provided support to a wide cross section of people who have and still do often rely on such support services as an important part,of their daily lives. e.g. Channel Island and East Arm Leprosariums, remote clinics, education, both Secondary and Primary and Pastoral Care especially in remote areas where drug and alcohol abuse was and is ripe.

I, myself have been part of this community approach in serving the vulnerable and neglected. I have had the privilege of serving, mainly the Tiwi people for over years.

I believe it is important to acknowledge the significance of providing these services and that these services are provided to everyone who needs it without discrimination.

Therefore, I am very concerned about proposed changes to the NT Anti-Discrimination Act that propose to remove some of the religious exemptions in the Act.

As a long citizen of the Territory, I urge you to listen to all sides of the discussion. I believe it is important that religious organisations are able to carry out their work without fear of legal action and recommend that the exemptions should remain to protect our religious freedom.

Thanking you for the opportunity to speak to this Act.

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