



Dear Chief Minister, Mr Michael Gunner,

I am very concerned about some of the proposed changes to the NT Anti-Discrimination laws, I implore you to please examine your conscience and pray before you make any decision.

Every single one of these laws that you are proposing are going against God's laws:

- The words "man" and "woman" is *offensive language* that they be removed.
- The words: "Male" and "female" are only a "binary view" of sex that is merely "pervasive".
- The word "parent" is *offensive language* and should be replaced with "*caregiver*".
- Remove section 40(3) that provides an exemption for discrimination if necessary to avoid offending the religious sensitives of people of the religion.
- Recognition of "lawful sex work" [in order to] provide "equal rights" for sex industry workers as a matter of "free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment"
- Remove barriers to same-sex couples and transgender people from accessing Artificial Reproductive Technology.

I know that you were a catholic in an earlier part of your life and in God's eyes you will always be a catholic. I realise that you can't know the love of God yet but one day soon you will. Please, please do not go ahead with the 'modernisation' of these laws that are clearly going to destroy the unit of the traditional family. There is so much evidence based research on a global level that states that the system of the traditional family has worked in keeping a functioning reproductive society and that the traditional family has contributed positively for over 2,000 years and continues to do so.

As a mother and advocate for Early Childhood, I also understand that children need to have a strong sense of identity in their early years; they need to be allowed to belong, to be and to become and I fear that we are really going to confuse our children by telling them that they may not be 'Male' or 'Female' but that 'gender theorists' claim they could be one of 67 other sexual identities (The Safe Schools Coalition Australia SSCA).

Yours sincerely,

