

Modernisation of the Act

Q1 Is updating the term sexuality to sexual orientation without labels appropriate? Are there any alternative suggestions?

Dictionary meaning: "sexuality". 'Capacity for sexual feelings including sexual orientation or preference' Consider the term sexualities instead of sexual orientation.

Q2. Should the attribute of "gender identity" be included in the act

I don't think it is necessary.

Q3. Should intersex status be included as an attribute under the act?

According to the dictionary "intersex" is defined as a sexual disorder occurring in the foetus. So, why only this foetal disorder be included in the Act.

Q4. Should vilification provisions be included in the Act? Should vilification be prohibited for attributes other than on the basis of race, such as disability, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, and gender identity or intersex status?

I fear it could interfere with free speech. Can a government legislate about respect of persons? Vilification may divide more than resolve. Consider it carefully. The word "offend" and "insult" can only be interpreted subjectively thus causing untold heartache in some cases and economic hardship.

Q5 Should the Act create rights for people experiencing domestic violence in relating to public areas of life such as employment, education and accommodation.

There are many bodies set up to deal with domestic violence and its related problems. If expanded into the public area there would need to be protections for employers, educators and landlords.

Q6 Should the Act protect people against discrimination on the basis of accommodation status?

To what accommodation status would the Act refer?

Eg. Stones thrown at an affluent dwelling and unpleasant graffiti defacing fence or a person unhappy with their accommodation because they are unable to afford a better property

Q8. Should "socioeconomic status be included as a protected attribute.

Dictionary meaning for "attribute" Quality or characteristic. Does either of these meanings apply to an often fluid socioeconomic situation?

Q11. Should the requirement for clubs to hold a liquor licence

Be removed.

If you sell liquor you need to hold a liquor licence.

Q14. Should any exemptions for religious or cultural

Bodies are removed.

We live in a democratic society where freedom of religion is enshrined in our constitution.

Q15. Should the exclusion of assisted reproductive treatment from services be removed?

I do not believe this exclusion should be removed. I believe a child should have the right to a mother and father. Preferably be raised by their biological parents.

Q20. Should definitions of "man" and 'woman' be repealed?

How are we going to explain what a man and a woman are if you can't use the terms 'man' and 'woman'?

Q21. Should the term 'parenthood' be replaced with 'carer responsibilities'?

There are biological parents, foster, adoptive but "parent" as a term needs to remain. A 'carer' could be someone who temporarily supervises like the neighbour or aunty but they are not parents.

Q22. Should the term 'marital status' be replaced with 'relationship status'?

Will it become an offense under the act to be married? Homosexuals have fought and won to have the right to be married. Are you going to take away their right to be acknowledged as married too?