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A Member of your electorate seeking changes to the current Religious Discrimination Unit 3, 28 Main St Act

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## **Christian Porter MP**

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Dear Christian Porter.

## I write to request changes to the Religious Discrimination Act as it stands.

I support the freedom for everyone to be who they are, without fear of prejudice or discrimination. And indeed, I support this for people with religious beliefs.

But the bill as it stands goes beyond protecting people's right to religious freedom, and infringes upon the basic rights of others - to be themselves at work, at school, at sport, and beyond.

Specifically, as The Guardian outlines in its article on the bill's explanatory notes\*, there are scenarios that would be covered by the bill that directly harms people being free to be who they are. I write to ask that the bill be amended to ensure that:

- professional bodies (CA, CPA, AHPRA) are afforded the ability to ensure their members are inclusive, that
- teachers and professionals can not be refused a job based on protected attributes of their identity (e.g. sexuality), and that
- statements of belief do not override other laws regarding discrimination in Australia.

Preferably, it would be best if this bill was scrapped altogether. There is no reason why people with religious beliefs require any additional protections under the law.

Please, take a stand and ensure the Religious Discrimination Act is amended if it is to be passed in any way. I would appreciate a response to your decisions on this matter.

Sincerely,

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