

Conversion Therapy Legislation.

Key points of concern that you may like to share when contacting MP's to express your concern.

"Conversion Therapy" Legislation. The MUST STAY GAY or TRANS Bill

This legislation is not about Conversion, it's about restricting the human rights of every LGBT person to determine their personal happiness.

Conversion Therapy Laws in the very first place further target LGBT people. Governments are passing laws, infringing on the human right of self-determination, to force people in the LGBT community to remain in such lives even if they do not want to.

Conversion Therapy Laws Will Enable Sexual Predators.

- **Conversion therapy bans enable sexual predators.** Counsellors tell us that many transgender children have been sexual abused. In the past if a child expressed the want to be the opposite gender a counsellor would explore whether sexual abuse was an underlying driver of that want.
If conversion therapy becomes law and a child expresses the want to become the other gender, the law insists that the therapist recognises this as innate and must assist a person to do so. To explore other reasons, such as sexual abuse, is questioning a person's gender identity and could be interpreted as conversion therapy.
The conclusion being that not only has a sexual predator damaged a person in the first place, the law now protects the predator from discovery.

The proposed legislation to ban Conversion therapy raises grave concerns with the following:

- **Freedom of religion, freedom of speech,** and freedom of expression is continuing to be eroded and taken away
- **Parental responsibilities and rights** are also being removed, and more power to make decisions for children is being given to the state and authorities who often have conflicting agendas and beliefs
- **The degradation of the very fabric our society** has been built on: Families having the choice and input as to how their children are raised; medical practice providing treatment based on scientifically researched options; ministries and churches providing a stable and supportive environment for those whom it cares for.

If legislation passes, concerns for the following people, jobs, and responsibilities will result:

- **Medical Practitioners and Paediatricians** will be unable to treat patients with traditional medical practice, but rather be forced to provide treatment that is experimental and unscientific.
- **Professional Therapists or Counsellors.** There are already disciplinary bodies in place to prevent such professionals from providing therapy that aligns with a biblical or conservative model. However, as with the Conversion Therapy laws in Queensland, this field of expertise can now only provide therapy that aligns with the affirmative model. They cannot explore other lines of therapy even if someone comes to them seeking to pursue a life of heterosexuality or a life according to their biological sex.

- **School Principals, Coordinators and Teachers** who have limited ability to choose curriculum that aligns with traditional/biblical viewpoints: e.g. teaching there are only 2 genders, teaching God's intention for sexuality etc
- **Parents** who will be unable to encourage their child away from LGBT ideology, affirmative therapy, or even dissuade them from taking irreversible transgender treatment. Parents face the reality of losing custody of their children.
- **Pastors and Religious Leaders** may be unable to teach from the biblical viewpoint of gender, sexuality, and even marriage! There is speculation that even preaching to abstain from sex before marriage could become a criminal offense.
- **Ex LGBT Ministries** will be unable to provide events, courses, or programs where biblical sexuality and gender is discussed.
- **Mentors** will be unable to provide biblical or conservative counselling for those who seek help with their SSA or gender dysphoria. This may be as simple as providing phone call support or meeting with someone to walk with them in their journey.
- **Our freedom of speech** will be reduced as our general conversations may be interpreted as hate speech or attempting to change someone's gender or sexuality.

- Many of these areas are under threat of becoming illegal, and have the potential to be prosecuted with fines of up to \$24,000, or up to 18 months in prison.