



Dear “Australian Christian Lobby” We Think You're Wrong!

Sometimes it's the right thing to put “religious freedom” behind the need for empathy, “loving your neighbour”, and human rights. For instance, in Australia, we don't allow stoning people, no matter what you think your religion says about it, and likewise we don't allow unreasonable discrimination.

We Support the Vic ALP's Promise to Reinstate Limits on Discrimination in School Employment Practices

We don't want to come into “Christian” schools and teach Islam, Atheism, Buddhism or a different version of Christianity. We know that homosexuality is not a lifestyle choice but bigotry is. We know that cohabiting outside marriage, and single motherhood, has always happened and always will, and has very little to do with being a Christian or not.

Children who attend “Christian” schools will inevitably meet Muslims, GLBTIs, atheists, single mums, and lots of Christians with differing theologies in the real world. We think it's unfair to those children, as well as the people concerned, if you refuse to allow anyone in your school who doesn't conform to your narrow definition of “Christian”. Frankly we would see a school community where all staff were required to conform to one narrow set of beliefs and behaviours as verging on a cult.

You may get all the emails you like written by all the uninformed or narrow-minded people you influence, but it won't make discrimination right, and it won't turn a limit on discrimination into an attack on religious freedom.