

Submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission


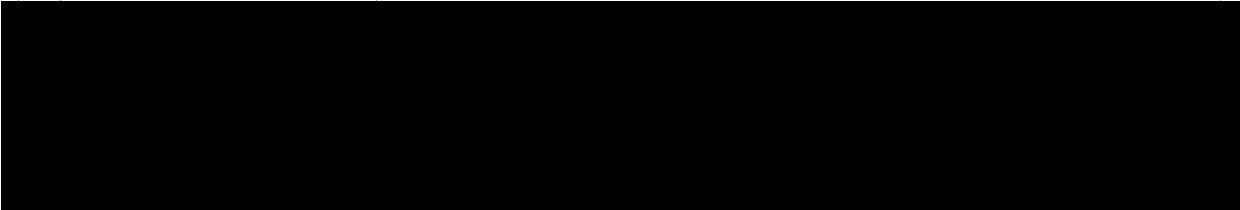
Focused Review of How the Change or Suppression Practices Ban Is Working

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The consultation paper relates to change or suppression practices, which can cause ongoing trauma and long-term health issues. If you need counselling or help you can get support by contacting the organisations on our [support page](#) or page 3 of the consultation paper.

	
Organisation: (optional)	Private person
	

Please provide your comments on the questions below. You may answer all or only some of the questions as relevant to you.

- 1. Has the Act reduced or stopped change or suppression practices? Describe any impact you think the Act has had on the occurrence or the nature of change or suppression practices.**

All i know is that we all have a right to a heartfelt opinion that is genuine and not intentionally offensive. I am feeling that I am not able to disagree without being vilified and have hate thrown at me by those groups who want to use the law to force me to think,accept and say what those groups want. There are some ways of life that I disagree with and cannot accept as good for our community. these ways of life ause me grief as I watch society become degraded, hostile and unsafe because of these groups that want to use the law to silence those who disagree and force us to do what they want.

All i can say is, look where the vilification and hate comes from, not from me, but it comes from these groups.

How about suppressing these extreme far lefe groups intrad of stopping me from disagreeing ?

2. To what extent do you think the community is aware of and understands:

- a. the Act and how it works
- b. what change or suppression practices are
- c. the harm caused by change or suppression practices.

a. I dont believe the community has any idea or understands it because the far left extremists stifle discussion. This act has listened to selfish and arrogant extremists and I am sorry to say, but I see the act as an extension of their hate and vitriol.

b. I have no ide what change and supporession practices are according to the act. How about the act stopping these screaming extremists fomsuppressing my right to speak my ideas and disagree. Isnt that what the suppression act should be ?

c. There has been considerable harm caused by the act, to faith groups, who teach differing viewpoints to these extremist groups. These extremist groups can teach and say what they want, so why cant faith groups ?
If a difference of opinion upsets them, then maybe they are the ones who need to grow up and mature, or as I feel, need loving counselling.

I will continue to genuinely disagree, and if that puts me in jail, so be it.

One very serious point:

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3. Could the Act's operation and effectiveness be improved? If so, how?

Yes, allow faith groups to have a different opinon and function. IF some people dont like their point of view, thats OK, dont go to a faith group.
If a faith gropu teaches different to a leftist group, then dont go to the faith group's institution.
It seems simple to me, but when the extremists scream and thatsall you listen to, then thats all you hear.

I could reverse the situation..... I could argue that these leftist groups say are hateful and offensive to faith groups.
Would you lay the same restrictions on them ?

I welcome anyone, and respect all people, and it really hurts me when I am calle a bigot or homophobic or whatever, simply because I disagree.

I am the one being persecuted and attacked, not tyhese leftist groups.

SO PLEASE PROTECT ME

4. How clear is the Act's definition of what is and what is not a change or suppression practice? If further clarity is needed, what forms of clarification would be most helpful?

It is as clear as mud in a cyclone.

Change or suppression practices should be stopped, like anything, when it is against the person's wish. Not against an ideology's wish. Let the person decide. These groups argue that it hurts young people, and yet they support gender transitions that have been shown to hurt young people's biology and especially hurts them when they desire to transition back.

I look forward to seeing justice levied against these transition providers in the future when many people realise they can't go back. A child cannot make a balanced adult choice, and justice will show that these providers acted on a minor in a harmful and abusive way.

A very bad suppression practice is the practice of suppressing information from parents that their child is/has transitioned. This suppression divides and destroys families. I understand children may be confused about their gender, but to use the suicide card, is both misleading and statistically confusing.

Don't you understand the hurt that is caused to parents who are accused of child abuse when they don't allow their child to transition?

So please stop gender transitions for children.

Also with transgenderism... do you really believe that a man can become a woman just by saying they are now a woman? It does my head in to see our government following this.

So my question to you is, who is hurting who?

5. How clear is the exclusion for health service providers? If further clarity is needed, how could this best be achieved?

Again as clear as mud. Health service providers need to be accountable for the fact that they are making decisions for children. Why would the act allow for protection for these providers when the child becomes an adult and realises that they were coerced as a child?

If the act won't protect our kids, then who will? Parents can't because the state takes control under the control of radical ideologies.

Please give parental control back to parents.

6. Is greater clarity needed about how people of faith can hold and express their beliefs to support clear understanding and compliance with the Act? What forms of clarification would be most helpful?

Yes, yes, yes !!!

Let faith groups be faith groups. If the far left can have all the air time they want with their point of view, then faith groups must be given the same.

If someone asks me to pray for them, then I have their permission to pray for them. If I am asked my opinion, I have the freedom and right to express it. If a parent sends their kids to a faith based school, then they know what the kids are going to be taught... There is no cover up or deception.

If a transgender child in a faith based school is harassed, then the child must be protected. Any form of harassment in any place is wrong. If parents don't want that child counselled by the school's pastoral care team, that is their choice. Don't suppress a faith school's pastoral care, because there are plenty of children who want it, need it and appreciate it. By calling it a suppression violation means that the children who want it, and need it are losing out because the counsellors can't speak about their faith in a faith based school.

Try telling a trade learning in a trade course that they can't discuss tradesmen stuff because it is classed as suppression.

I am a person of faith and I will love and care for everyone, simply because they are alive. We have different points of view. The far left use the idea that to discuss these things harms children.... which is one of the biggest lies I have ever heard.

What on earth is wrong with respectful discussion? It doesn't hurt the kids, it actually hurts these groups attempt to control all narratives. A genuine question... no offence meant... are we so afraid of the vocal minorities that we can't be fair and just in law?

Please use common sense.....If there is any left these days.

7. How effective are VEOHRC's awareness and education materials on change or suppression practices? What improvements, if any, could help strengthen community understanding and compliance?

Not good at all. Leftist ideologies are introduced into children's education quietly, yet if any appearance of faith based stuff occurs, suddenly there is an uproar.

I would ask that you would stop leftist ideologies forcing faith based institutions to adopt their ideologies. If they complain about faith based institutions, then someone has the right to complain about the incursion of their ideologies. Fair is fair.

8. Are there any barriers to:

- a. reporting change or suppression practices to VEOHRC
- b. VEOHRC facilitating outcomes of reports
- c. VEOHRC conducting investigations.

If so, please describe what those barriers are.

a. the basis for reporting is flawed and biased towards one sided left base ideologies. If it is a suppression practice to stop faith based organisations teach their ideologies, then it should be the same for teaching leftist ideologies in a faith based institution.

9. Are there changes that could help support VEOHRC to carry out its functions or improve the effectiveness of the civil response scheme? If so, please describe any changes.

Yes, be fair..... dont let far left ideologies dictate the law... be balanced and let all groups have the right to teach their own beliefs without the fear of some left is ideology saying that faith based organisations should be suppressed.

10. Are there barriers to reporting, investigating and prosecuting criminal change or suppression offences? If so, what are they?

Yes, please dont prosecute people of faith for teaching their faith, in a faith based school where it is openly stated that they are a faith based school, and their faith is to be expected to be taught in a faith based school.

11. Are there other aspects of the criminal offences in the Act that limit their effective operation? If so, what changes or supports could improve their operation?

Call out the hate and vile vitriol coming from far left ideologies.

12. Do existing avenues for redress adequately meet the needs of victim-survivors of change or suppression practices? Are there gaps, harms or barriers that require an additional or separate redress mechanism?

I am not aware of these avenues, but they should be there for people of any institution where abuse occurs.

13. Should a civil cause of action be introduced under the Act? What distinct purpose would it serve compared to existing pathways?

Only if it is a genuine occurrence of abuse. If someone is offended by a faith-based school teaching their faith, then that should not be allowed. I don't believe offence is a suitable case for a civil action.

Defamation is a just cause for a civil action.



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