

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.



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.**

No personal experience to add content to this question.

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./ Very little, as per the many hundreds of VIC Acts which only a minute minority pursue their content.

b./ Most are aware of and have a degree of understanding of the general terms. However there are wide variations in extent of those practices that are unclear.

c./ We (of the community) are almost all aware of the harm to individuals by the Promotion of gender change.
And we (of the community) are almost all aware of the benefits to individuals by the Suppression of gender change in conjunction with proper council & care.

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

As there are wide variations in extent of those practices that still could be under that umbrella. THIS AS A RESULT CAN FRAME CHANGE OR SUPPRESSION BY PERSONS/GROUPS INSIDE MINUTE AND COMMON STATEMENTS GIVEN FOR 1000'S OF YEARS BY HUMANS.

The Act MUST include select family persons which are EXCLUDED from any enforcement of the Act. Those being the direct Parent(s) of the Person in gender conflict, or Grand-Parent(s) of the Person in gender conflict, whether those Parent types fall within a Marriage or Dee-factor relationship.

Further in direct action relating to this Question 3. For the very member parties that are within the actual "Focused Review" ARE as such the very tools effecting the Act's operation and effectiveness. And as such can be biased, misdirected and contriving in their actions.

Resulting in the "balance of the Act" being "unbalanced to promote gender change" as does appear so.

Such that I note that within the very context of the Focused Review paper appear a bulk of ONE-SIDED Gender Change Promoting support services. Which I find particularly contriving, rather than being on the Scales of the balance of Law. For on Scales or Law we would equality include "Support Services" that are "Suppressing of change". Where are these on the Focused Review Commission paper? And the cover graphic "boggling, confusing circles" certainly implies to cause confusion. The Focus Review is "out of focus".

The Act itself has balance, however very bureaucratic in process without clarification on the structure naming of Person(s) or Exclusion of Person(s) where the Act will not apply.

I find only one 1 (one) entry where an "exclusion" exists, Section 13, part (b) .. "other than for the purposes of warning of the harm caused by such practices."

The Act does not go far enough to adequate include constructive closely related persons able to exhibit notifications, warnings or council of the "harm caused by such practices". Which as such could be Change or Suppression.

Appending (d)

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 too simplistic in the umbrella term of that definition. Unfortunately at the same time as adding clarity, may infer examples which are bias either way and as such bias to the Law.

Simplicity often works best as it leaves arguments to the Court on individual cases to those best to decide..

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

"Health Services" itself is so broad that too many provider types can be looped in. I find it very strange and unbalanced Law that only "Health Service Providers" have some exclusion, whereby they themselves should be included as Person(s) or Groups that seek to Change or Suppress gender confusion as they are more directly a cause for such harm of said action.

There should be "No Exclusions for health service providers".

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?

I feel the priority point here is that any "expression of beliefs" is not malice, forceful or damning. Or to which would immediately insight strong fear of the action of Suppression of gender change. That should be added.

That any expression of beliefs must be:-

- (a) "Courteous, kind and understanding to the person".
- (b) "Show empathy to the persons insecurity of gender."

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?

Educational Material appears one-sided to the Promotion of Gender Change. This appears in part not to the parties in creating the Act of Law, but the parties creating the "education material" at VEOHRC. They (VEOHRC) have unfortunately been bias infiltrated, which is tainted of personal want rather than the matter of the Law of Victoria.

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.

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.

Review of every person Member of the VEOHRC promptly and with integrity to the Law and Government of Victoria in pursuing unbiased actions. Eliminating as much as possible the recruiting of persons with personal agendas.

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

The barriers exist only in the letter of the Act's Law. It needs some small additional clarifications as I have already outlined in Question 3.

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?

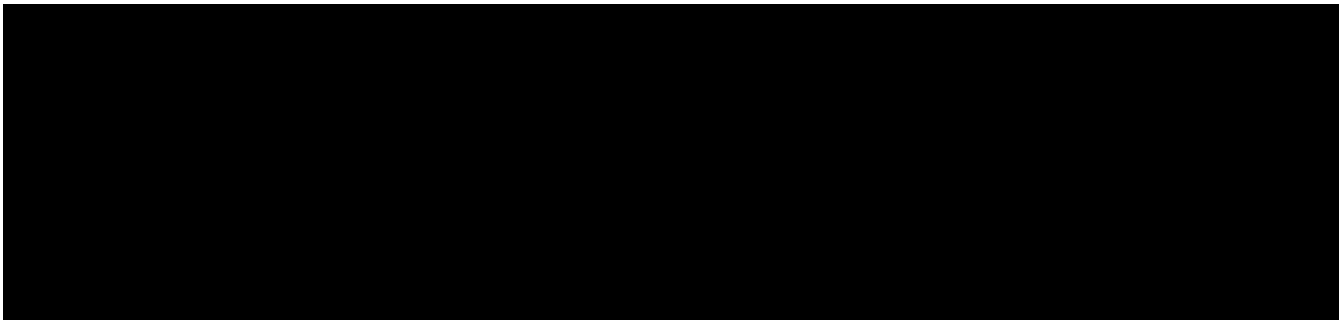
12. Do existing avenues for redress adequately meet the needs of victim-survivors of change or suppression practices? Are there gaps, harms or barriers that require an additional or separate redress mechanism?

The very term REDRESS is in itself a fragmented, non-understandable term. It should be called "Post Care Support Services for Victims of Sexual Abuse", plain and simple.

Victims finding "Redress"?, they don't search for "Redress", they more likely search for "Support Services for Victims of Sexual Abuse", finding a place equal to the term.

That is one of the start point to its mechanism change needed. Its Name.

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



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