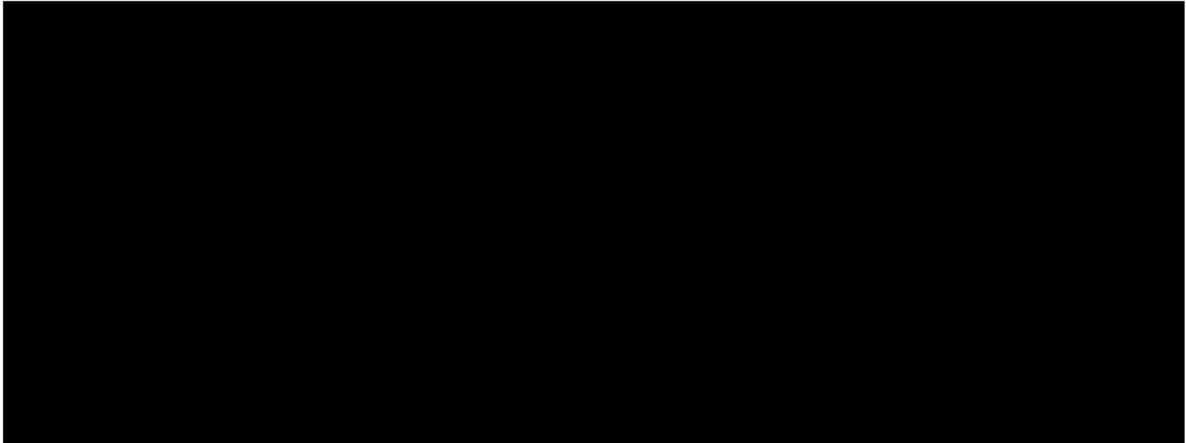


The following submission to this review has been received



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 and c. the harm caused by change or suppression practices

The legislation is vague. It is not clear whether regular religious practices like religious teaching, requested prayer, pastoral care, support for celibacy and even parental conversations are lawful. This uncertainty has created fear, confusion, and self-censorship in churches and families.

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 this is needed. It should be made more clear what it means to "suppress" one's sexuality, and whether teaching common/orthodox/historic religious perspectives that would entail a change in sexual behaviour is legal.

