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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: Our submission concerning the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
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Dear Health Committee,

We wish to focus our submission on clause 28 of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 which aims to “protect” homosexuals and the gender confused from help and assistance offered by loving and well-meaning health service providers.

This would be bad enough, but ‘health service providers’ is defined in a vague and completely circular way: simply as an individual or entity that provides a health service. This means that the term is likely to extend beyond genuine medical practitioners to psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors of all types, including perhaps even pastors, Christian charities and school chaplains.

Furthermore, ‘conversion therapy’ is defined as any ‘treatment or other practice that attempts to change or suppress a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity.’ But this is so broad as to encompass any action whatsoever!

So this bill is not only an attack on individual freedoms, but it is also a direct attack on Christianity. For, if put into action, it would outlaw a person from recommending any of the following to a homosexual or gender confused individual: prayer, Bible reading, abstinence and spiritual healing. A church minister could even conceivably be punished for reading out 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 in his own church!

Are Christians to be banned from simply sharing God’s Word? Are homosexuals and the gender confused to be denied the right to seek help if they wish to leave the lifestyle they are caught up in?

We therefore urge you to recommend against this clause of the bill. It will do nobody any good, denying all Queenslanders their natural rights of free speech and free association.

Yours sincerely,

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