

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to comment on the discussion paper on possible changes to the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Please do not weaken or repeal exemptions for religious bodies under NT anti-discrimination law. Why should a religious school or organisation not be allowed to only employ people who are supporters and upholders of their values? Does Australia have religious freedom?

What is the point of having an Islamic or Christian School (for example), yet be **forced by the government** to employ people who do not share the values and principles of that school? Is that not discrimination against the school, its children and their parents?

As a comparison, should a political party (for example) be compelled to employ someone known as a hardline supporter of the opposition?

Should a soccer team be forced to allow a hockey player to join, just because it would be unfair/discriminatory to exclude them? These examples are ludicrous, but so is **forcing any school** to employ a teacher who does not support the principles of that school.

This change would be a restriction to the freedoms enjoyed by Territorians. Are we not guaranteed freedom of religion in The Constitution? Teachers, parents and children choose to live here for the freedom our Territory enjoys. Present and future Territory Voters!

Please consider these comments.

Thank you kindly,

