



Joint NGO letter to Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus QC MP regarding the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012

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Canberra ACT 2600

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Copy to: The Hon Julia Gillard MP
 Senator the Hon Penny Wong
 The Hon Tony Abbott MP
 Senator the Hon George Brandis SC
 Senator Christine Milne
 Senator Penny Wright

Dear Attorney-General,

Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012

We, community organisations from across Australia, call on the Government to pass the *Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012* through parliament by the end of June this year.

The consolidation of the existing law into one comprehensive human rights and anti-discrimination law will simplify existing legislation schemes, address previous shortcomings and make anti-discrimination laws more effective and accessible to the communities we serve.

We welcome the additional protected attributes and amendments suggested in the recommendations made by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.

We commend the support you have expressed for the Bill and hope that you will ensure that the Bill is introduced and passed in this parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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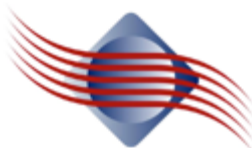


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