

The Pending Rudd Report

Religious review focus on restricting schools to reject gay students, teachers

Protections for religious freedoms are currently enshrined only by way of exemptions to these anti-discrimination laws.

Religious freedom expert, Partner at Prolegis Lawyers and Adjunct Associate Professor at Notre Dame Law School, Mark Fowler, told The Australian that “protection against discrimination on the basis of religious belief is the missing piece in the constellation of Australian equality legislation”.

“Of the five main equality rights recognised in the international law to which Australia is a signatory, being race, age, disability, sex (including sexual orientation) and religion, only religion fails to receive protection in Commonwealth law”.

“Last year in its sixth periodic review of Australia, the United Nations Human Rights Committee called upon Australia to fill this gap in its protection to equality. The Committee noted its concerns about the ‘lack of direct protection against discrimination on the basis of religion at the federal level’”.

[**Quotation:** Religious review focus on restricting schools to reject gay students, teachers
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Three articles of note: This is an important issue for Catholics and people of faith in Australia.....

This is important stuff to get right !!!

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