

DEFEND OUR WORLD CLASS ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT

THESE PROTECTIONS FOSTER THE VALUES OF RESPECT AND INCLUSION. Hate speech tarnished the reputation of Tasmania during the gay law reform debate in the 1990s. Our current laws helped Tasmania mature into a more respectful society. The current laws protect ethnic and religious minorities, people with disabilities, LGBTI people, and women, from hatred and humiliation.

They hold us all to the same standard of respectful speech, including religious leaders, and set a national standard for dealing with hate speech. They balance freedom of speech with freedom from hate and have never been used to censor respectful debate. Weakening our laws will cause direct harm to vulnerable Tasmanians. **PLEASE PROTECT RESPECT AND FOSTER A MORE INCLUSIVE TASMANIA.**

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