

## **ALRC Submission**

To whom it may concern,

In light of the ALRC's release of the short consultation paper, as a member of a proud community of Faith, I'm deeply distressed. This sentiment is something that has become all the more apparent as we transition to a Labor government that is increasingly over-bearing on religious institutions and seems to only care about our communities in times of election.

Faith communities around Victoria, have been feeling this pain for quite a while now with Mr Andrews who has made it his sole goal to make life as difficult as possible for communities of faith in this state. We no longer feel like Victoria, or even Australia is a viable home for many of us, with many considering the notion of moving overseas to preserve the faith of their families.

We are on a trajectory towards a socialist state where the only expression is state-sanctioned expression and the only faith allowed is that which complies with the government of the day. Communities of faith feel like the government, particularly Labor governments are going out of their way to cater for some while steam-rolling hard-working families that are the backbone of this and every society.

Many were hopeful that with Prime Minister Albanese, Labor wouldn't fall into the traps of being pushed further to the left as they were in Victoria. However it seems that hope is withering as we see the proposals coming from this report.

You were incensed when far-right activists used to float around abortion clinics and say what they were doing in there is wrong. However you now come to tell us we can only practise our faith in parts and see absolutely no harm in doing so.

The reason I go after the Labor party in this piece is because in the last few years, all the hurt we've felt as a religious community has been inflicted by the Greens-inspired Labor party, including the sanctioning of this report. This is not lost on communities of faith and many of us are mobilising to disband the stranglehold you think you have over multicultural communities.

Take us for granted at your own peril

Kindest regards