

# National Human Rights Consultation Submission

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**Submission Text:**

I want the right not to have to hide that I am a lesbian in order to feel as safe as heterosexuals at work. I believe it should be safe for me and other gay lesbian bisexual transgender and queer people to not assimilate into heterosexual cultural norms. I should not have to have to masquerade as a heterosexual in order to work. Untill I have the right to say I am a lesbian without being afraid to loose my job Australia will remain socially unjust with some groups (heterosexuals) having more rights than others. It is not much use declaring we all have equal rights in Australia if we cannot speak to our differences. This is like saying to someone you can have a job as long as you dont tell anyone who you are. It sends a very pervasive irrational message that I have something dirty and disgusting to hide. Thank you for considering this suggestion.