

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Law Reform](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Submission re: Sexual orientation and gender identity conversion practices issues paper  
**Date:** Thursday, 28 January 2021 5:37:28 PM

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Dear TLRI,

Thanks for your help today.

Our submission below was submitted from the wrong email address. Please use this email address in the future. You may quote from the submission, BUT without the use of contact details.

We look forward to a fair and equitable solution for all Tasmanians.

Thank you,  
TP + CE Baehr

On 28 Jan 2021, at 4:55 pm, The Baehrs [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear TLRI,

Thanks for receiving submissions on this issue.

Our primary concerns regard freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, and equality before the law. Individuals who seek to change their sexual preferences, for whatever reason and at any time, should always have the freedom of choice to do so. This freedom ought to be protected for everyone equally before the law, no matter what politicians or those in government believe about the efficacy of such choices.

Government involvement in this issues is totalitarian *at best*. No government is needed to intervene, stigmatise, or prevent the free choices of individuals regarding their own sexuality. Why should the government be able to define for us what happens in our bedrooms and in our hearts?

And the same freedom should be extended to every group and association. By what right does the government intervene in the free choices of any group or association to provide services and council for those who seek to change their sexual preferences? Are we to begin aping North Korea and bring Orwellian totalitarianism to Tasmania, spying on the private conversations and counselling sessions of all Tasmanians, ordering all private individuals and organisations to hold the same passing opinions as our government leaders?

Tasmanians are a free people. Let us not chip away at these freedoms. No one is hurt by the private choices of private individuals to seek to change their sexual preferences. We've only just stopped prohibiting people from exercising their rights to retain their sexual preferences. And now we're about to start prohibiting people again for their personal choices! The government wants back into the bedroom?!

This is an easy no for anyone who cares about freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, and equality before the law.

Thank you again for considering our submission.

All the best,  
TP + CE Baehr

