

Dear Human Rights Commission

To whom it may concern,

I was disappointed that I received a negative response to my submission in support of the request by the Lesbian Action Group for a temporary exemption under s 44 (1) of the Sex Discrimination Act. The exemption was requested in order to hold a lesbian only event at the Melbourne Pride Centre.

This decision is not only a gross disservice to myself but also the majority of lesbians globally.

I would like to present the following evidence to support this statement. LOTL Media has been supplying news and features globally to the lesbian, queer and bisexual community since 1989. LOTL in a recent Facebook survey asked the question, "Are you supporting the application from the Lesbian Action Group seeking exemption for 'female-born lesbian' event?" The results were 96% said yes, 4% said no. This is overwhelming evidence that there is support for female born lesbian events.