

Dear Human Rights Commission,

I am writing in support of the Lesbian Action Group's application for an exemption to the Sex Discrimination Act, so that they can hold female-only social events.

In 2017, I was one of the 60% of Australians who voted for the right of gay and lesbian Australians to marry a partner of the same sex. I did so because I understood that same-sex attraction is real, and it seemed only fair that same-sex attracted Australians should be able to have their relationships recognised equally with those of heterosexual people like myself.

I'm horrified to now learn that at the same time that we were celebrating this change, same-sex-attracted women were unable to publicly meet at lesbian-only events. What were we voting for, if it didn't include the right of women to be female-attracted, and express that without discrimination?

I sincerely hope this obvious discrepancy is corrected quickly, and the Lesbian Action Group obtains the exemption it clearly needs in order to fulfil its purpose in supporting lesbian women.