



AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN LOBBY

**ACL COMMUNITY SURVEY  
THE LOSS OF PARENTS  
RIGHTS IN VICTORIA**

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***The Andrews Labor Government 'Conversion Bill' places a blanket ban on vaguely defined "change or suppression practices" which expressly includes consensual religious practices, including prayer.***

Any teaching by parents to children of the importance of their biology, or the teaching of Biblical views on sexual orientation or gender identity, may be punished as 'family violence' offences.

Under the bill there are broad powers to locate, investigate, re-educate, censure, and punish anyone who holds to and teaches Christian convictions on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Penalties could be as much as 10 years imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine.

Complaints can be reported "from any person," even those who are not affected, and can be made anonymously. They can also be made about conduct in states other than Victoria. Anti-religious activists will be able to harass and silence churches, organisations and individuals they don't agree with.

This is the most dangerous and draconian bill we have ever seen in Australia. It could land anyone in jail for failing to toe the line on LGBTQ issues.

The Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) has conducted a community survey to gauge public awareness and support of this new proposed law.

On Dec 3rd 2020, we spoke to 1945 voters from the four most marginal Liberal seats (*Ripon, Caulfield, Sandringham, Gembrook*), and the four most marginal Labor seats (*Bayswater, Hawthorn, Nepean, Mount Waverley*). The results were emphatic.

69% of voters are not even aware of the proposed laws.

71% of voters said they were not supportive of a law that would criminalise any parent who doesn't assist or agree with their child changing gender.

59% of voters said they were not supportive of a law that would make it illegal for school counsellors to encourage a child to wait, rather than immediately proceed with permanently changing their gender.

73% of voters said they were not supportive of a law that would make it illegal for anyone to pray for a person who requests prayer for unwanted gender confusion.

Both major parties are risking a significant loss of voters based on their support of this Bill, particularly the Liberal Party.

63% of Liberal voters are less likely to vote for a party that supports this law.

38% of Labor voters are less likely to vote for a party that supports this law.

The ACL are calling on all politicians to respect the voters and vote against the Bill in its current form.



## TABLES OF ALL RESULTS

**Q1.** Firstly, do you have children or grandchildren who currently attend school in VIC?

Yes	1070	55%
No	875	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q2.** Thank you - if the election was held this weekend who would receive your vote?

Coalition	ALP	Greens	Reason	Indp	Minor	Unsure	Total
978	509	99	15	75	55	214	1945
50%	26%	5%	1%	4%	3%	11%	100%

**Q3.** The Victorian parliament will shortly vote on a new law that will remove parental rights and criminalise any parent who doesn't support their child changing their gender. Are you aware this is happening?

Yes	595	31%
No	1350	69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q4.** Would you say you are supportive or not supportive of a new law that will criminalise any parent who doesn't assist or agree with their child changing gender?

Yes	559	29%
No	1386	71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q5.** Under the same laws, it will also be illegal for school counsellors to encourage a child to wait, rather than immediately proceed with permanently changing their gender. Would you say you are supportive or not supportive of this law?

Yes	785	40%
No	1160	60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q6.** Under the same laws it would be illegal for anyone to pray for a person who requests prayer for unwanted gender confusion. Would you say you are supportive or not supportive of this law?

Yes	534	27%
No	1411	73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Q7.** Are you more likely or less likely to support a Party in favour of making it illegal for parents to tell their children their concerns about their child's gender transition?

More likely	440	23%
Less likely	1046	54%
No Change	459	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>100%</b>

# COMMUNITY SURVEY

*The Victorian government is considering laws that would impact parents rights. We are conducting a survey on these laws, and we'd like to get your opinions. It'll only take about three minutes of your time, and you can answer questions using the dial pad on your phone.*

**Q1) Firstly, do you have children or grandchildren who currently attend school in VIC?**

Press 1 for Yes

Press 2 for No

**Q2) Thank you - if the election was held this weekend who would receive your vote?**

Press 1 for the Liberal Party

Press 2 for the National Party

Press 2 for the Labor Party

Press 3 for the Greens

Press 4 for the Reason Party

Press 5 for an Independent

Press 6 for another Party not listed here

Press 7 if you are unsure

**Q3) ) The Victorian parliament will shortly vote on a new law that will remove parental rights and criminalise any parent who doesn't support their child changing their gender. Are you aware this is happening?**

Press 1 for Yes

Press 2 for No

**Q4) Would you say you are supportive or not supportive of a new law that will criminalise any parent who doesn't assist or agree with their child changing gender?**

Press 1 for Yes, I am supportive of this law

Press 2 for No, I am not supportive of this law

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Press 1 for Yes, I am supportive of this law

Press 2 for No, I am not supportive of this law

**Q7) Are you more likely or less likely to support a Party in favour of making it illegal for parents to tell their children their concerns about their child's gender transition?**

Press 1 if you are more likely to support a Party in favour of these changes

Press 2 if you are less likely to support a Party in favour of these changes

Press 3 if this doesn't impact who you support

**Q8) Thanks for your honesty! To ensure we have a good cross-section of age groups in our survey, could you please tell us if you are a male or a female?**

Press 1 for Male

Press 2 for Female

**Q9) And could you please indicate which best describes your age group?**

Press 1 if you are 18 to 24

Press 2 if you are 25 to 34

Press 3 if you are 35 to 44

Press 4 if you are 45 to 54

Press 5 if you are 55 to 64

Press 6 if you are 65 or older

































