



Serious concerns about impact religious discrimination laws could have on women

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Women's rights campaigning organisation Fair Agenda has responded to Attorney-General Christian Porter's announcement of proposed religious discrimination laws with serious concerns about the impact they could have on women.

"No one person's beliefs should override another person's protection from harm. We're very worried about the potential impact these changes could have on women's protection from harm and access to services, including reproductive healthcare." said Campaign Manager, Diana Sayed.

"We're seriously concerned about the impact these laws will have on existing state based laws that provide a woman with a right to referral for unbiased advice when her health practitioner's personal religious views interfere with her access to reproductive healthcare."

"Our laws should absolutely provide people of faith with protections from discrimination - but they shouldn't create special rights that mean someone can use their religious belief as an excuse to harm others with impunity.

"We should be working towards a fairer and more inclusive society. This legislation is a disappointing step in the wrong direction."

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