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## **Submission by Lesbian Action Group**

### **Introduction**

The Lesbian Action Group is a diverse group of lesbians from around Australia who are advocating for lesbians' sex-based rights.

This submission will detail the hate, violence and misogyny coming from within the LGBTIQ+ towards lesbians and gay men who want single sex events and spaces.

This is most likely something that will not be detailed by other organisations in this inquiry but it is a very big issue for many gay men and lesbians who are being cast out from their own movement and it is something the Government needs to be aware of, to acknowledge and to help facilitate a solution.

### **History**

Thirty plus years ago, before we were all put under the one big rainbow umbrella, the gay and lesbian liberation movement was a grassroots movement working for equality and against homophobia and biphobia. Gay and bisexual men were routinely and regularly "poofa bashed", which could lead to death, catastrophic injuries, trauma and lasting psychological damage. The practice of "poofa bashing" continues today and there is plenty of evidence available to show this happening both in the past and currently.

Much homophobia historically came from harassment and violence from the police force. Many gay and bisexual men were violently attacked and bashed by police and much work has been done in the last forty years to combat homophobia coming from the police force. We got to the point where the police have marched in uniform to show their support of the gay and lesbian community at annual Pride marches and this has been happening for at least the last twenty years. We commend this work and now see it being undone by the TQ+ because they are now requesting that police no longer march in Pride events.

1. Bindel, Julie [The truth behind America's most famous gay-hate murder](#) The Guardian, October 2014
2. Kirchengast, T and Tomsen, Stephen, [The Scott Johnson Case: The Manslaughter Plea, Hatred, and Criminal Law Reform for Historic Anti-homosexual and Anti-trans Violence in New South Wales](#), Criminal Law Journal, Vol. 47, No.
3. Bondi Memorial, [LGBTQ hate and violence in Sydney in the 1970s to 1990s](#)
4. Cherney, Adrian, [Gay and Lesbian Issues in Policing](#), Current Issues in Criminal Justice, 11(1), 35–52. 1999
5. Jupp, Lydia, [Victoria Police Withdraw from 2026 Midsumma Pride March](#), Star Observer, December 17, 2025

Lesbians have a history of being correctively raped by men who think they can change their sexual orientation. This continues today and comes from within the LGBTIQ+ as well as from outside of the LGBTIQ+.

As a society, it appears we have come a long way. Homosexual people are now able to legally marry and we are recognised as being a minority group who are now equal under the law with everyone else. This has been an enormous step in our liberation and campaign for equal rights but violence and homophobia is still rife.

Before the rise of corporate LGBTIQ+, gay men and lesbians had their own separate and distinct cultures. Gay men had their events and spaces and lesbians had their own events and spaces and we happily came together in mixed-sex spaces such as Mardi Gras and Pride events.

And we cannot emphasise enough how distinct our cultures were and how we respected each other's need for our own spaces and events. This was really important for both of our cohorts. Our communities really came together during the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, with many lesbians stepping up to support gay men dying from the disease, when many others looked away.

6. Carter, Clare [The Brutality of 'Corrective Rape' - Photographs - NYTimes.com](#), New York Times, July 27, 2013
7. Doan-Minh, Sarah ["Corrective Rape: An Extreme Manifestation of Discrimination and the State's Complicity in Sexual Violence."](#) 30 HASTINGS J. GENDER & L. 167 (2019).
8. Jowett, Adam [Corrective Rape](#), [Sage Reference - The SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies](#) - (Vol. 3, pp. -). 2016
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10. Chappel, Amy [The Blood Sisters: the unsung heroes of the AIDS crisis -](#), Diva magazine, 8th February, 2024
11. Laird, Cynthia, [SF was at epicenter of lesbians helping gay men during AIDS crisis](#), Bay Area Reporter, November 16, 2022
12. Brekke, Kira [How Lesbians' Role In The AIDS Crisis Brought Gay Men And Women Together | HuffPost Voices](#) Huffpost, April 4, 2017

Since being unwillingly grouped under the collective rainbow umbrella of LGBTIQ+ we are seeing more and more homophobia and misogyny coming from within the LGBTIQ+ towards the LGB. Our submission will be detailing these issues of violence and homophobia for homosexual and bisexual people coming from within the LGBTIQ+ as well as homophobia coming from the Government, both State and Federally.

## **The Rise of the LGBTIQ+**

Since the 1990's the gay and lesbian liberation movement has been subsumed under the corporate "Rainbow" umbrella. There was no negotiation nor consultation with our communities around whether we wanted this. It has been forced upon us. Initially, it seemed that all was well under the corporate LGBTIQ+ umbrella. Funding was made more available, particularly from the Government.

Then T and Q+ were added to the acronym around 2015, again with no negotiation nor consultation. We want to emphasise that the "plus" has never been adequately defined so this leaves the plus open to things like bestiality, pedophilia and necrophilia. The average gay and lesbian does not want to be associated with these extreme paraphilias.

What is not recognised is that groups under the LGBTIQ are all separate and distinct groups with differing needs and cultures. The TQ is at odds with the LGB because the LGB recognise same-sex attraction while the TQ don't recognise sex at all. This has become a major clash of rights both legally and socially.

Since being subsumed by the LGBTIQ+ the term "lesbian" has been redefined as being "same-gender" attracted instead of being same-sex attracted. This matters, because it has inserted males into the lesbian community, again with no negotiation or consultation, let alone consent given.

See Victorian State Government's definition of Lesbian as follows:

"Lesbian refers to a woman (cis or trans) or gender diverse person who is romantically and/or sexually attracted to women."

Stating that trans or gender diverse people can be lesbians, inserts males into the lesbian community. As lesbians, we are not romantically or sexually attracted to males and yet the Government is forcing males into our dating pool and community. Lesbians are exclusively attracted to other females. A trans woman is a male. Being male is the only prerequisite to being a trans woman.

We support trans women who take on a lesbian identity to create their own spaces and events whilst respecting lesbians' need for single sex spaces. And of course there are times where it is appropriate to come together in mixed-sex spaces. Forcing males into the lesbian community is highly homophobic and misogynistic.

And so a large split has occurred within the LGBTIQ+.because of this tension between the LGB's sex-based rights and the TQ who don't recognise sex as a human reality.

There are many LGB who want our single-sex spaces and culture restored. LGB Alliance Australia surveyed their membership base of over 5000 members and overwhelmingly results said they want sex-based rights to be reinstated. See question 19 at <https://www.lgballiance.org.au/news/our-survey-results>

We want our boundaries to be respected and to have the right to choose whom we associate with. We do not want to be told that we MUST associate in mixed-sex spaces only. We want the LGBTIQ to be recognised as being made up of diverse groups with differing needs. One of the needs of the LGB is to have single-sex spaces and events and we want the LGB to be recognised, respected and not vilified for wanting single-sex spaces.

There is evidence that many LGB are self-excluding from the LGBTIQ+ because they do not want to be involved with people telling them what to do and how to behave. They are also self-excluding because of fear of reprisal for wanting their sex-based rights back and because they don't want to be associated with the TQ+ extreme demands.

Many LGB are devastated by the homophobia and misogyny coming from the Government and corporate LGBTIQ+ and they feel locked out of their own movement all because they recognise that same-sex attraction is exclusive and not “inclusive”.

## Homophobia coming from within the LGBTIQ+

Since the addition of the TQ+ to LGB, many gay men and lesbians are locked out of their own movement and there are examples of horrendous misogyny and homophobia coming from the TQ+.

One example was an LGBTIQ+ event held in Ballarat between the local police and the local LGBTIQ+ community. Some lesbians who advocate for single-sex spaces were turned away at the door because they are apparently a threat to the TQ+ and the TQ+ would “not feel safe” with them in attendance. That is blatant homophobia and misogyny.

We also have evidence of lesbians who have been verbally abused, doxxed and physically assaulted by members of the TQ.



The following article also highlights the homophobia coming from the TQ  
Acton- Taylor, Lauren, [Woke California professor calls to abolish terms 'gay' and](#)

[‘lesbian’ to avoid offending the transgender community](#), Daily Mail, 11th March , 2026

A recent study in the US of gay men on College campuses found that the current structure of LGBTQ coalition identity on university campuses produces a “measurable developmental cost for gay male students. The pressure to align with a trans-centered identity framework functions not as affirmation but as a mechanism of conditional belonging, resulting in agency erosion, chronic vigilance, and identity foreclosure.”

13. Waldman, Kevin, [LGBTQ Umbrella Pressures on Gay Male Identity](#), University of Michigan, 2025

This is significant and is happening here in Australia for similar reasons to both gay men and lesbians.

A recent survey of lesbians here in Australia has found that many lesbians are excluding themselves from LGBTIQ+ events for various reasons. Silenced by Society is the report from a survey of lesbians in Australia in 2025. Key findings of the survey found that:

- There was concern that in the current climate and legal landscape, lesbians have been forced back into the closet because of gender ideology.
- There has been a loss of events and groups specifically for lesbians and a loss of spaces in which they feel welcome and comfortable
- This political climate has led to a significant number feeling silenced, fearful or guarded in public, at work or among their social or family networks.

The report has found that in this political climate, lesbians are vanishing into secret gatherings advertised by word of mouth, and thereby losing connections, losing the ability to include isolated lesbians and those just ‘coming out’, losing out on funding, and losing the communities and lesbian culture that has been built over many decades.

14. Silenced by Society: A report from a survey of lesbians in Australia, 2025.

State sanctioned “inclusivity” has given gay men and lesbians no option but to have events underground in order to be single-sex. The thriving lesbian community of the 1970s, 80s and 90s is now entirely underground and has been decimated by DEI. Young lesbians are reporting to us the horrendous sexual harassment and abuse they are experiencing at compulsory mixed-sex events

under the LGBTIQ+. See Appendices for examples of this.

Young lesbians are telling us how lonely and isolated they are because they can't find their community. They are also telling us of the immense pressure there is to take on a trans or "queer" identity when they go to LGBTIQ+ events. This is homophobia and misogyny writ large; telling young lesbians to deny their sex and sexual orientation.

Since the TQ+ was added to our acronym lesbians have been under increased pressure from trans women to date and have sex with them. Trans identified males now have access to lesbians through compulsory mixed-sex events of the LGBTIQ+. Lesbian dating apps are also full of trans-identified males.

Lesbians are being told they are "transphobic" if they refuse to have sex with trans women. They are being told they have a "genital fetish" or are "sexual racists" for preferencing female genitals over male. Corrective rape is being reported when lesbians find themselves with trans women, the vast majority of whom retain their male genitalia. This is nothing more than rape culture, it is vile and it is hate against lesbians. It does not respect lesbian boundaries and a woman's right to say no.

This phenomenon is known as the [Cotton Ceiling](#) and is where trans-identified males try to break past the cotton knickers of lesbians in order to have sex with them. It has been widely reported as being very problematic for lesbians and is why we need single sex spaces.

The grassroots U.K. organisation Get the L Out conducted a survey in 2019 with 78 lesbians and two bisexual women about their experiences under the LGBTIQ+.

Some of the results include:

1. 66 percent reported being intimidated or receiving threats for stating they were lesbians ( not attracted to trans identified males). Threats included physical or sexual violence, being doxed, threats to kill family members and being sent unwanted "trans women nudes".
2. 56 percent were pressured or coerced to accept transwomen as a sexual partner.
3. 50 percent reported being excluded from their LGBT group/s for questioning any aspect of queer doctrine and labelled as "transphobic"

Respondents reported experiencing sex by deception, being raped, sexually assaulted, and socially shamed and excluded for not 'going along' with the doctrine. Examples of this are in the appendices at the end of this submission.

15. Wild, Angela, [Lesbians at Ground Zero: How transgenderism is conquering the lesbian body](#). Get the L Out, March 2019

Many older lesbians remember the vibrant and safe spaces lesbians used to have and they mourn this and are horrified at the unwanted sexual advances and harassment coming from the TQ+ towards younger lesbians. See appendices for what lesbians are encountering in compulsory mixed-sex spaces and why many self-exclude from LGBTIQ+ mixed events..

## **TERFS**

Lesbians and gay men wanting single sex spaces are branded as TERFS and Nazis by the TQ+. TERF stands for Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminist. It is a slur and is bandied around on social media by trans rights activists when the LGB and women stand up for their sex-based rights. Our appendices have examples of the threats and violence made against TERFs by the TQ+ towards people who want single-sex spaces. This is violence and hate projected towards the LGB. TERFs are also vilified for being Nazis or Nazi adjacent. This was completely disproved in the defamation case brought by Moira Deeming MP against John Persutto MP in 2025. Despite this ruling, people standing up for sex-based rights are still vilified for being Nazis by the TQ+ and the Government. This needs to stop.

16, Asher, Nicole et. al, [Moira Deeming wins defamation case against John Persutto, judge orders \\$300k in damages](#), ABC News, 12 December 2024.

## **Government sanctioned homophobia**

The Lesbian Action Group is currently in Court fighting the Australian Human Rights Commission for denying us a single-sex exemption. Apparently it is transphobic to want single-sex space and the Australian Government is fighting against lesbians' right to single-sex spaces. This is extraordinary to us! The Australian Government is denying our rights under the United Nations

International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights to freedom of assembly within our own cultural group as well as under CEDAW. See appendices for further details of international instruments Australia is signed up to.

Indeed this homophobia is so entrenched in Government policy that the Victorian Pride Centre denied our group a room in order to have a lesbian only event. This is also extraordinary; the Pride Centre, funded by the public for the LGBTIQ community, excluding lesbians because they want to have a single-sex event. Apparently there are the “right” types of lesbians and these can have penises and there are also the “wrong” types of lesbians who will not be coerced by this blatant homophobia and misogyny and who are excluded from the “inclusive” Pride Centre for setting boundaries.

We also note that there is not one exclusive gay or lesbian organisation housed The Pride Centre and yet there are exclusive trans organisations housed there. This hypocrisy is breathtaking.

Lesbians and gay men who are standing up for their rights to have single-sex events are being abused, vilified and locked out of their own movement. This is another form of homophobic hate.

This needs to be stopped and the Government must undo the self-ID laws that perpetuate this homophobia and misogyny.

Self-ID erases the concept of sex and sex-based rights. A male can wake up tomorrow, falsify the birth marker on his birth certificate as being female and he can then access all female spaces, including lesbian spaces.

Again, there has been no consultation with women’s or lesbian groups and this has been forced upon the female population without consent. There have been no follow up studies into the effects of these changes in legislation on lesbian communities. We note that these changes have been instituted by the Labor Government here in Victoria.

The following document [Evidence of Transwomen’s crimes With particular emphasis on crimes against females in female spaces and what happens when males can self ID into what were safe female only spaces](#) shows what is happening for women when males gain access to female only spaces.

This document was compiled by one of our members, a former academic librarian.

This document shows evidence that there is a decided cohort of trans identified males who have a sexual fetish called [autogynephilia](#). (Look it up if you haven't heard of it) They basically get off thinking they're lesbians and being in lesbian or female only spaces. Lesbians are not interested in them and we don't want them in our spaces. Forcing them upon lesbians is rape culture. You will also notice that a large cohort of these trans identified males are also being charged with pedophilia offenses.

## **Government Funding Programs**

We would like to emphasise that not one exclusively gay or lesbian organisation has received ANY funding from the Victorian State Government in the past rounds of LGBTIQ+ grants going back to 2017 and yet exclusively trans only organisations are regularly receiving funding.

Why is this happening??

Funding goes to mixed LGBTIQ+ or "Queer" organisations at the expense of exclusively gay or lesbian organisations. We know that exclusively gay or lesbian organisations are not applying for funding grants because they have been told they are not "inclusive" and that is apparently not acceptable.

And yet, gay men and lesbians are exclusively attracted to people of the same sex and we make no apology for this. We see this as homophobia coming from the State Government under the guise of "diversity, equity and inclusion" but hiding behind DEI is homophobia and exclusion of gay men and lesbians to funding sources because of our exclusive same-sex attraction.

We want this acknowledged and for change to occur. We also want it acknowledged that plenty of exclusively trans organisations are being granted funding while gay and lesbian organisations aren't. We also note that numerous trans only events occur while the LGB can no longer have our own single sex events. See Appendices for evidence of this.

**Between 2016 - 2023, the Victorian Government dedicated over \$4 million to Organisational Development grants to support LGBTIQ+ organisations and**

**groups.**

16 projects focused on transgender / gender diverse issues, equating to \$560,569 in funding

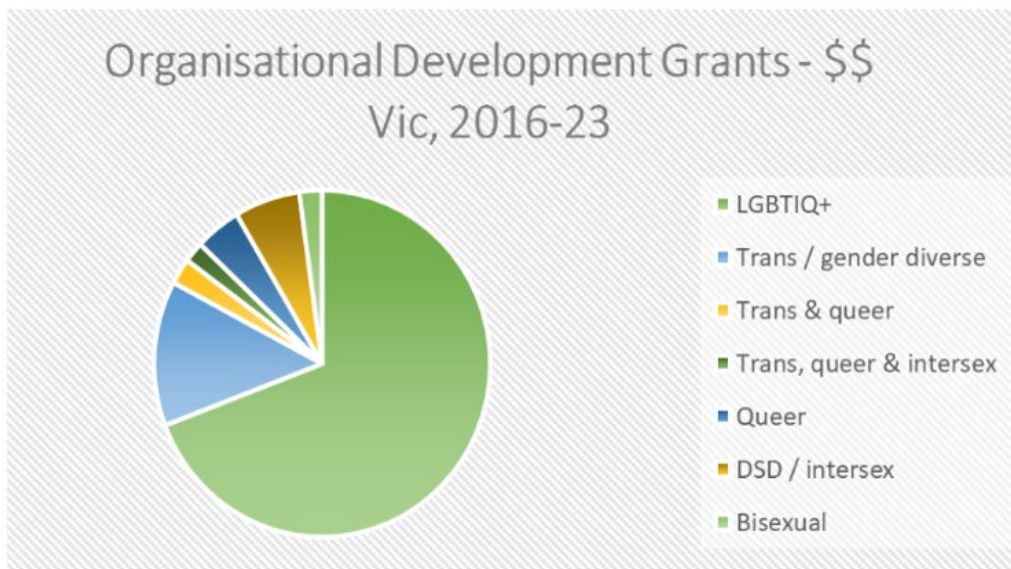
2 projects focused on “trans and queer” issues equating to \$100,00 overall, and one project focused on “trans, queer and intersex” issues at \$80,000

8 projects focused on “queer” issues (i.e. framed as “queer”, not “LGBTIQ+”) equating to \$182,120 overall.

5 projects focused on DSD or “intersex” issues equating to \$261,780 overall.

2 projects focused on bisexual issues, equating to \$90,000 overall.

**There was not one project or organisation funded exclusively for gay men or lesbians.**



From [Successful recipients - LGBTIQ+ Organisational Development Grants | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/successful-recipients-lgbtiqa-organisational-development-grants)

We know of numerous exclusively gay and lesbian organisations who are locked out of Government funding and are happy to provide names of these. We hope they will be welcome to apply for funding once this inquiry has concluded.

## **Conclusion**

We call on this inquiry to acknowledge the homophobic hate and misogyny coming from within the LGBTIQ+ against lesbians and gay men who want single-sex events and spaces and who are being vilified, and excluded from their own movement because of this.

We call upon the Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ communities to take a leadership position here in acknowledging the homophobia and damage being done to the LGB who are standing up for their sex-based rights. We want to work with the Commissioner in finding a way forward.

We call upon the Government to include the voices of lesbian and gay organisations who are campaigning for single-sex rights, including ours, The Lesbian Action Group. Our voices have been silenced for too long, our right to free and fair debate has been suppressed. That is not democracy at work, and it is authoritarian to suppress and deny our rights.

We want it to be acknowledged that the LGBTIQ+ is composed of different communities all with unique needs. We are not one homogenous group and should not be treated as such. Gay men and lesbians have a right to single-sex events and spaces, just as the TQ have a right to their events and spaces. Wanting our own spaces does not mean we hate other cohorts under the LGBTIQ+ umbrella. It just means we want our boundaries to be respected.

We want the hate being projected at the LGB to be stopped. This hate has been facilitated by the Government's DEI and "inclusion at all costs" policies. There is no room for exclusivity, which is what gay men and lesbians are; we are exclusively attracted to people of the same sex, not gender, and suggesting otherwise is homophobic.

We thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this inquiry and we would like to be involved in any follow up.

## **Terms of Reference**

**(1) the communication and recruitment methods of anti-LGBTQIA+ influencers and hate groups that endorse anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes, including those creating and sharing**

## **online content steeped in racism, misogyny, transphobia, homophobia, far-right ideology and unhealthy masculinities;**

Communication methods are largely digital these days with influencers posting on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok etc.

There is SO much posted online that is misogynistic towards women and lesbians. This is particularly apparent for gay men, women and lesbians who want single-sex spaces and who are branded as TERFs (Trans exclusionary radical feminists) by trans rights activists.

See appendices III. Evidence of threats of violence against lesbians and TERFs online for a small sample of the thousands of examples of the violent hate from social media posts coming from the TQ towards the LGB and women and men who are wanting single-sex spaces.

We would also like to make the point that far left ideology is as bad as far right ideology. Both are steeped in misogyny and homophobia. The far right hates women by denying them reproductive rights such as abortion and wants them back in the kitchen “where they belong”. The far right has traditionally persecuted the LGB particularly with conservative Christian doctrine.

The far left however, has erased the concept of woman, sex and homosexuality and has suppressed and shut down debate and free speech around this. Misogyny comes in the form of males thinking they are women with their rights being superior to those of actual women. We see this happening in Victoria today with Labor’s erasure of sex in legislation, self-ID laws and denial of homosexual’s right to single-sex spaces. We see this forced on our communities by the far-left Victorian Labor Government and it’s really no better than what comes out of the far right.

Unhealthy masculinity is at the heart of most violence, misogyny, homophobia, racism etc. in society. As lesbian feminists, we see unhealthy masculinity as being the root cause of most issues around the planet. Males who think they have changed sex and are now female are enacting toxic masculinity and male entitlement on lesbians by not respecting our boundaries and right to say no.

We want to see a world where it is acceptable to be a feminine male and a masculine female , without the need for damaging hormones and surgery. Where children can be left to grow up with their reproductive and endocrine systems intact and can explore their same-sex attraction without being coerced into a trans or queer identity and be free of homophobia and biphobia. While the trans medical industrial complex exists, this remains impossible.

## **(2) current strategies to counter anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes, particularly among young people and how these could be strengthened;**

There are absolutely no strategies, that we are aware of, to counteract the hate coming from the TQ towards the LGB, in fact, we would go as far as to say that it is State sanctioned because the

Victorian Labor Government no longer knows what a woman is, let alone what a lesbian is and this is giving the TQ plenty of opportunity to oppress women and lesbians.

What we do know and can verify, is that young lesbians and gay men are lonely and isolated because they have been forced to accept compulsory mixed sex spaces and forced teaming under the LGBTIQ+. and they are having trouble finding their community. They also tell us of the immense pressure there is to take on a trans or queer identity under the LGBTIQ+.

We see LGBTIQ+ organisations as the recruitment ground of the trans medical industrial complex. Many older lesbians have watched so many younger lesbians take on a trans identity and irreversibly damage their bodies in the process. We see this as homophobia and gay conversion. [The Cass final report](#), an independent investigation of gender clinics in the UK, found that the vast majority of children and young people at gender clinics are same-sex attracted. We have put a summary of the Cass final report in the appendices.

17. Cass, Hilary, The Cass Review : [Independent review of gender identity services for children and young people](#), April 2024

So what we are dealing with here in Victoria and around Australia is State sanctioned gay and lesbian conversion therapy, being carried out at gender clinics across the state and country.

Getting on top of hate crime starts with the Government recognising and accepting that homosexual and bisexual people have a right to single-sex spaces, and that we have a right to sex based protections. We also have a right to not have our puberty blocked and to develop as fully functional adults.

We also call on the Government to stop the gender indoctrination of our young people starting from kindergarten which continues throughout the public school system. Gender indoctrination is confusing and potentially damaging to children, especially when it is very well known that the vast majority of gender non conforming children usually grow up to be LGB. The Victorian State Government is enabling and supporting the conversion of healthy same-sex attracted youth through gender clinics. This is homophobia; telling young people they can change sex and will therefore be more socially acceptable because instead of being same-sex attracted, they are being manufactured into faux-heterosexuals.

We put the Government on notice. There is a coming tidal wave of litigation because of the medical malpractice going on against children who are same-sex attracted. In coming years, there will be a national apology and financial restitution similar to what has happened for children abused by clergy.

**(3) current anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crime prevention initiatives, and how these could be strengthened;**

We are extremely concerned that the issues we have raised above will be construed as hate. Indeed women and lesbians are not only being suppressed but are also being punished and defamed for talking about their sex-based rights and the issues we have raised in this submission about single-sex spaces.

Hate is the furthest thing from our minds. Indeed we are DEEPLY concerned at what is happening to children who would ordinarily grow up to be same-sex attracted, being sent to gender clinics.

We are deeply concerned about the infiltration of trans identified males into the lesbian community, especially when there has been no consultation nor consent given around this.

We are deeply concerned about the rights of women (and men) to single-sex spaces. We are deeply concerned that the Government's proposed hate speech legislation could make it illegal for us to stand up for sex-based rights.

Crime prevention starts with young children. It starts with young boys learning it is unacceptable to not respect girls' boundaries. Children need to be taught that it is unacceptable to be homophobic or to pick on other children who are different for whatever reason. Respectful relationships need to be taught from kindergarten age. Teach our children how to be respectful to each other through the school system. Teach them to grow up to be decent human beings.

Teaching them about Gender Unicorns is confusing indoctrination based on a belief system. In a secular state such as Victoria this has no place in our schools.

Current Respectful Relationships programs aimed at promoting LGBTQIA+ inclusivity, acceptance, diversity, and related themes are teaching children about extreme paraphilias which have no place in the school system.

While this example happened in South Australia, we know similar concepts are being promoted in Victorian schools.

This particular example was delivered by a third-party external presenter (subcontracted through Focus One Health and linked to the local Headspace Berri centre, a youth mental health service).

Parents were not notified in advance, no consent was sought, and the room reportedly lacked teacher supervision during the hour-long PowerPoint presentation. Students (including one named Emelia Wundenberg, then 14) described the content as graphic and explicit. The presenter allegedly discussed their own sexual preferences and experiences in detail. A slide explained the in LGBTQIA+ by listing various terms, including bestiality (sex with animals), which was then explained in detail.

The presenter reportedly implied or stated that the queer/LGBTQIA+ community accepts all of it, even though bestiality is illegal. Students were told to Google regarding bestiality.

References were also made to incest (e.g., brother love, sister love, sibling sex). Graphic images were shown, including topless trans bodies with visible double-mastectomy scars.

Girls reported feeling distressed, confused, uncomfortable, and traumatized; some felt unsafe or unable to hug family members afterward due to the sibling-related references.

18. Walters, Amelia, [Bestiality references allegedly made during presentation at Renmark High School](#), ABC News, 4th April 2024.

**(4) existing public and online safety initiatives supporting LGBTQIA+ community members who have experienced hate crimes, including how these supports could be strengthened;**

With regard to public safety initiatives we want the LGB and the TQ to be able to publicly debate the issues that are causing clashes of rights. The LGB need to be able to have respectful debates around our rights to single-sex events without being branded as hateful TERFs, bigots and transphobic. We need to be able to have exclusive single sex events and not be punished for this. We need to have our boundaries respected as we respect the boundaries of others to have their own events. Lesbians and gay men need to feel safe going into LGBTQIA+ events because right now, many don't and they self-exclude.

Not being able to debate these issues is causing much harm to the LGB. Many people are self-excluding from compulsory mixed sex events under the LGBTQIA+, young LGB are isolated and prone to being funneled to gender clinics and the indoctrination coming out of the LGBTQIA+. We see this as conversion therapy except as in the past our minds and behaviour was changed, now our bodies are being changed to create faux-heterosexuals. This is homophobic and needs to be discussed, debated and acted on.

We need the culture of hate coming from the LGBTQIA+ towards the LGB be to be stopped. A culture of mutual respect needs to be adopted but this cannot happen without Government legislation change and also changing the ridiculous notion of inclusivity at all costs. Government sanctioned inclusivity at all costs is having a real and detrimental effect on LGB who want exclusively single-sex events.

It is ok to be exclusive, it is ok to not be invited to the party. Fully functioning adults realise that they will not be invited to every party. That's ok. This concept happens in sport all the time, particularly around age. Twenty year olds are excluded from playing in the Under tens and that's how it should be. No one has a breakdown because they respect that the under tens need their own age-group category. It's the same for the LGB. We need to have our boundaries respected around whom we associate with. At the moment, the Government is forcing opposite sexed

people into our social and dating pools. This is no different to having adults playing in under tens sporting teams

**(5) the role and responsibilities of social media and digital platform owners in preventing and responding to anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes;**

Online safety initiatives are largely a waste of time. For example, the under 16 ban on social media platforms by the Federal Labor Government is largely a joke and is very easily bypassed. How can the online environment be policed? We imagine that would take a lot of resources. What line does the Government draw between hate and the right to free speech? And what is the definition of a hate crime?

What we do know is that there are thousands of social media influencers on numerous social media platforms who are influencing young people that being trans is the cool thing and being LGB is old school and for dinosaurs.

Many detransitioners say they were heavily influenced by these online personalities and felt compelled to transition because of them.

“It's bit controversial and I don't wanna upset or anger anyone, but like buffer periods and I know it is just like a touchy subject but I personally when I was 14, like found [social media influencer] YouTube and was like, oh my gosh, I'm a trans man. This is me, like I need to go on testosterone, I need to get top surgery, I need to like do all these things. And I was so sure I wanted to testosterone for like 2, 3 years.

From Young Person, Lived Experience Group, Cass Final Report, page 154.

**6) existing empirical data regarding the prevalence and trends of anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes Australia-wide;**

Empirical data is no longer relevant in mapping hate crimes against lesbians because we are all lumped under the one LGBTIQ+ umbrella.

How many gay men have been poofta bashed recently? Can you find recent empirical data on this? Is data kept specifically mapping gay hate crime these days? It certainly used to be, but now, if you search Google Scholar for “gay hate crime Australia” the results are all LGBTIQ+ or queer. e.g. Anti-Queer Violence : An Intersectional Analysis of Victimization among LGBTIQ+ Adults.

What is Queer? How does this affect gay men or lesbians? This basically tells us nothing. How many lesbians have been correctively raped recently in Australia? Can you find empirical data on this?

Again if you search “violence against lesbians in Australia” search results come back as LGBTIQ+ or queer which basically tells us nothing about violence against lesbians because anyone can be “queer”. Lesbians are a distinct cohort, separate from being “queer”. Queer tells us nothing about what is going on for lesbians.

And so Governments lumping us all under the one umbrella are doing each cohort a major disservice because empirical data is no longer accurate.

### Google scholar searches for LGBTIQ+research

Search term	Number of research articles
Lesbian	37,700
Gay men	26,200
Homosexual	15,600
Bisexual	36,200
Transgender	122,000
Queer	152,000
LGBT	57,600
LGBTIQ	15,900

The point of this is the number of research papers for Trans and Queer eclipses that for LGB. We can clearly see where research funds are being prioritised. This is going to have a direct impact on empirical data available (or not) for the LGB.

**(7) the impact of anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes on diverse LGBTQIA+ communities, including Rainbow Mob, people with disability, and multifaith and multicultural community members;**

We know that homophobia and misogyny affects all lesbians from all walks of life. We have lesbians from multicultural backgrounds telling us how hard it is to find the lesbian community these days because we are underground. When they do find us, they are so happy. We have disabled lesbians who have a similar story. There used to be a Jewish lesbian group, there used to be a disabled lesbian group, there used to be a multicultural lesbian group. None of these exist anymore because the lesbian community has been all but decimated by forced teaming under the LGBTIQ+ and for those of us who remain, we are underground and hard to find. Lesbians can no longer have public lesbian only events. We can no longer have public lesbian only organisations.

[Lost Lesbian Spaces](#) researched by LGB Alliance Australia, documents what lesbians used to have in terms of public lesbian only spaces and what we currently have. There used to be hundreds of public events and spaces for lesbians and now there are only three. The impact of this has been absolutely devastating on our community.

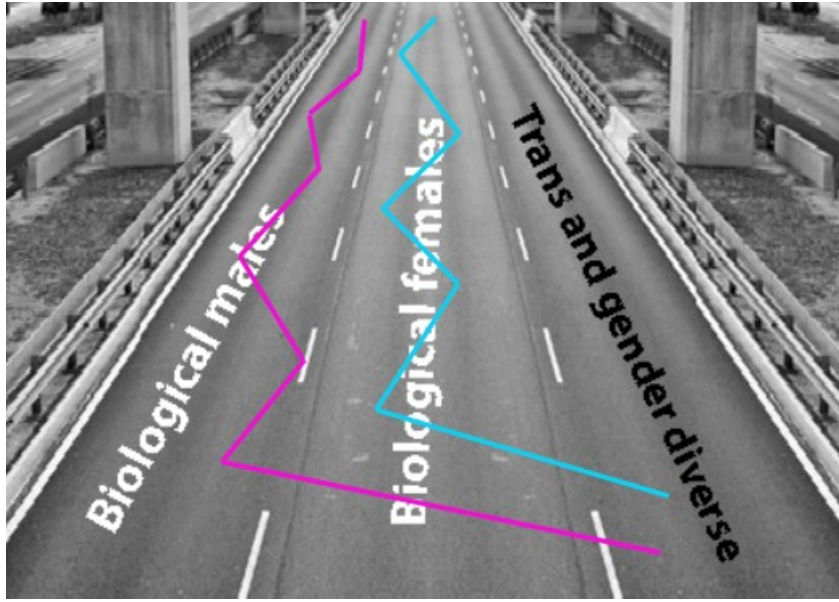
### **(8) interjurisdictional strategies and methods to combat anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes across borders;**

Effective interjurisdictional strategies to combat hate towards the LGB by the TQ across borders begin with forging robust multilateral frameworks that transcend activist echo chambers while respecting free-speech and sex-based rights.

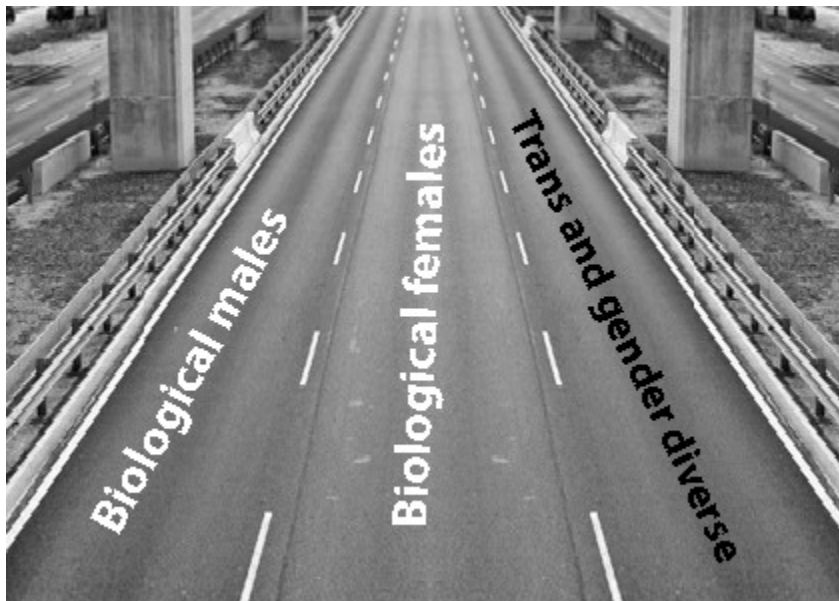
It must be noted that three lanes of human sex-based rights in law can co-exist and in fact, do co-exist in the Sex Discrimination Act; a lane for biological males, a lane for biological females and a lane for trans and gender diverse people.

What is happening now is that gender-based rights are collapsing into sex-based rights, which is causing many issues for those of us with a biological sex, particularly for same-sex attracted people.

If both the State and the Federal Governments can adhere legally to the three lane solution, many issues will be resolved. This has cross-border and nation-wide implications and must come from both sides of the political fence.



What current self ID legislation is doing for sex based rights.



Three laned solution to equitable rights for people with a sex and those with a gender identity. If everyone sticks to their lane, many issues will be resolved.

**9) the relevant work of the Commissioner for LGBTQIA+ Communities, relevant government advisory groups, including but not limited to relevant community, health and law enforcement organisations to combat anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes**

We call on the Commissioner and Government to acknowledge the tensions and clash of rights between the LGB and TQ+. We call on the Commissioner to work

with lesbians and gay men who want single sex events to support us and to help us facilitate this.

We call on the Commissioner and Government to help change the culture of the LGBTIQ towards LGB wanting single sex spaces so we are not vilified, branded as exclusionary, bigoted, transphobic Terfs etc.

It is hideous homophobia and misogyny to imply we are any of those things.

Gay men and lesbians are exclusively attracted to people of the same sex and we want to have our boundaries respected around this.

We also want the Government and Commissioner to recognise that the LGBTIQ+ are not one homogeneous group, but are made up of various and diverse groups with their own unique needs. All our unique needs should be respected and we should not have hate, threats of violence or vilification thrown at us for having those needs.

We want to be involved in having input into advisory committees or any other working groups that come out of this inquiry. We do not want to be ignored, shut down or vilified any more.

# Appendices

## I. Lesbian Rights under International Law

Australia is a party to seven core international human rights treaties which cover lesbian rights as follows:

**International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**, Articles 15.1(a), 25(c)  
- right to participate in cultural life, right of access to public services for equality.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Articles 17, 19(2), 21, 22, 26, 27 -  
freedom of expression, oral, written on all media, the right not to be subjected to unlawful attacks on honour and reputation, the right not to be discriminated against based on sex, which includes **same-sex sexual orientation**, and equal protection under the law, **and freedoms of peaceful assembly and association with own cultural group and equal protection under the law to do so.**

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Article 26 - the right not to be discriminated against based on sex, **which includes same-sex sexual orientation, and equal protection under the law.**

AND Article 17 - the right not to be subjected to unlawful attacks on honour and reputation.

AND Article 19.2 - freedom of expression, oral, written, media.

AND Article 21, 22, 26, 27 - freedoms of peaceful assembly and association with own cultural group, and equal protection under the law to do so.

**OUR RIGHTS under CEDAW - the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women**, Article 1 – the right of women not to have restrictions placed on them based on their sex, which nullify their fundamental human rights to enjoy freedoms in political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field.

AND Article 2(b)(c) - the right for women to have laws that protect them by prohibiting discrimination against women, and competent government and public officials who are effective at protecting women from discrimination.

AND Article 3 - States are to promote the advancement of women and their enjoyment of fundamental freedoms across all political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other fields.<sup>48</sup>

AND under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Articles 21, 22, 26, 27 - the right not to be discriminated against based on sex, freedoms of peaceful assembly and association within own cultural group, and equal protection under the law to do so.

Currently, under Australian laws, our right to freedoms of peaceful assembly and association with own cultural group and equal protection under the law to do so has been erased. Our rights under CEDAW are also diminished as we are having restrictions placed upon us which is nullifying our fundamental human right to freedom of political, economic, social and cultural association.

## **II. Evidence of what is happening for lesbians in compulsory mixed-sex spaces**

Quotes from lesbian women about harassment experienced in mixed spaces, particularly from trans identified males. I.e. trans women.

"lesbian woman, 26-year-old Chloe, said she felt so pressured she ended up having penetrative sex with a trans woman at university after repeatedly explaining she was not interested." "I was told that homosexuality doesn't exist and I owed it to my trans sisters to unlearn my 'genital confusion' so I can enjoy letting them penetrate me"

"We know a minority, but still a sizeable minority of trans women, do pressure lesbians to go out with them and have sex with them and it's a very disturbing phenomenon."

"What we are seeing is a regression where once again young lesbians are being told 'How do you know you don't like dick if you haven't tried it?'"

"They tried to do the right thing and they gave them a chance, and realised that they are a lesbian and they didn't want to be with someone with a male body, and the concept of transphobia and bigotry is used as an emotional weapon, that you can't leave because otherwise you're a transphobe,"

One (lesbian) compared going on dates with trans women to so-called conversion therapy - the controversial practice of trying to change someone's sexual orientation.

All above from <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-57853385>

"One night we went out to a queer club night, and the group included a male friend who used they/them pronouns. We were in the club when a stereotypically gay song came on, and I made a joke that 'I have to dance to this because I'm a lesbian'. This friend said to me 'so am I' and I thought they were joking - I only knew they used they/them pronouns, I'd never heard them call themselves a lesbian before, but they joined me on the dancefloor. I realised that they were trying to insinuate some kind of similarity between us, some kind of lesbian camaraderie. They

were dancing really close to me and tried to put their arm around my waist. This friend had a beard and had not even remotely transitioned to female. I remember thinking 'I don't want a man to touch me' and was disgusted at my own reaction - I felt like someone would be able to sense my transphobia."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home>

"Last spring for weeks a young man who was taking hormones to grow breasts (I know this because they were wearing only a white bra made out of T-Shirt material and you could see everything. It was obscene and in 45 years I have NEVER seen a woman dressed like that-- they were essentially topless) dressed as a woman, wearing a very short miniskirt flashed me his penis on multiple occasions" <https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/3> PAGE 12

"I was at a "lesbian" swingers' club a couple of months back. It was originally advertised in its Facebook group as an event for "people with vulvas", but the trans activists and their comrades jumped on it and the group ended up changing their entry qualifications. So on the actual night there were a whole bunch of 50+ year-old men masturbating over girls getting it on with each other. A group of men ended up having a gangbang in an open room for all to see. (I don't think any of us wanted to see that). One bloke just wore a terrible cheap blonde wig and a white string vest dress thing, and literally stood masturbating over two women 69ing upstairs. He wasn't even pretending. Apparently we lesbians are no longer allowed to just enjoy women and be alone with women. Men and their penises must always be included."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/20>

"I was cotton ceiling-ed by a trans-identified male on Facebook by DM. He was wanting to come up and hang out with me. I wasn't interested, I said 'No, I am same-sex attracted', and that I'm only interested in being friends. The next thing I'm being called a genital fetishist and a transphobe! I have never had this happen before, so I contacted an admin of the lesbian group he was on, and complained." <https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/23>

"About 15 years ago, before the current trans politics became so powerful, I came out as a lesbian and attended several organised social gatherings and support groups. Already there were trans-identified males turning up and taking part as "lesbians" and no one said anything, I think because women are so socialised to be nice. The males' behaviour was mostly ok, but just having them there made me uncomfortable and changed the vibe, it just wasn't a lesbian group any more. One male was severely mentally ill and treated the group as his personal therapy session which was exhausting and off putting for women who came there just wanting to meet each other. I'm sure things are much much worse now. I have a lesbian friend who was tricked into a date with a male and felt too scared / embarrassed to leave. It's a green light for creeps."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/32>

"It was advertised as a women's dance. Being a Chillout (2019) event we thought it reasonable to expect mostly, if not all, lesbians at the dance. There were 4 individuals present who were clearly males trying to present themselves as women. It just spoilt the entire vibe. To top it off, of course they used the women's toilet. We live in country Victoria and there is so little social stuff for lesbians. When we queried the presence of these trans-identified males (TIMs) at a women's/lesbian dance we were told: "if they say they are women then they have to be allowed to attend". The same thing happened at the Red Velvet Ball, TIMs came, only a few but it is just wrong. It has the same selfish tone as blokes who would sleaze on to lesbians in gay pubs.

Their very presence is invasive and off-putting. It is all about them getting validation by intruding into lesbian spaces. It made us so angry and sad. Why can't we just have one dance a year that is just for lesbians? You know, adult human females who are same-sex attracted. There is no respect." PAGE 13 Freedom of Expression, Association and Assembly

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/40>

“There's a club in my home town that only has gender-neutral toilets. One night in there when I'd gone to see a gig, a man cornered me in one of the rows of cubicles, put his face right up close to mine, and said 'I'm gonna rape you so hard'. He then laughed and walked off. A couple of weeks later a woman was raped in these toilets in the same club, leading to the club being closed down for a while.” <https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/49>

“There is one remaining lesbian bar in London, called ‘She’ bar. The decor is about as imaginative as the name, with it resembling something of the inside a shipping container. But it's all we have, so it's where everyone goes. It's underground, down a flight of stairs leading from a busy Soho street. Little signage outside means most people would likely walk by without knowing of its existence. The point, I suspect, is probably to be nondescript and discrete, so that lesbians catch knowledge of it by word of mouth, but general passersby wouldn't bother descending the steps.

Lesbian spaces are often guarded like that. This is partly because some men like to leer at us (women generally, but especially women kissing) and also what exactly would be the point in having a very mixed lesbian bar? Chat-up attempts would have a significantly higher fail rate(!) and the whole point of lesbian bars is to make lesbian connections possible, whether platonic or romantic.

Into that social context, the last time I was at She bar there was a very tall, large man in hyper feminine clothing (mini skirt, stiletto heels, bright lipstick) stood at the bar. Not simply getting a drink at the bar, but hanging around in front of it, staying in everybody's field of vision, purposefully making a show of himself. He would titter about on his heels and sort of look around, swaying back and forth, then stroke the sides of his torso down to his hips, suck the end of his straw, twirl a strand of hair on his big blonde wig, before cat walking up and down a bit more. His presence meant the bar wasn't very busy.

Lots of lesbians sat at their tables with empty drink glasses because this man was putting everyone off going up to order. Maybe it would've been different if he was sat on a stool, or chatting to bar staff, but he just seemed to be loitering and looking to be noticed or for ‘something’ to happen. In the end, out of frustration, and as an experiment to discover what would happen, I said I would buy everyone at my table a round of drinks.

The bar is short, there's not much space, so I ended standing very much in the vicinity of this colossal man as he had placed himself smack bang in the centre of the bar. “Hello lovely...” he said to me, to which I briefly laughed, having expected something cliché like that. “Alright mate”, I said back, grinning at him. But he didn't like my response (because it is assertive, pointedly friendly, and often how people who are equals address one another i.e how men speak to each other) and so he turned away, wandering off.

The rest of the night everyone sat at their tables chatting whilst this glammed-up bloke switched between hovering around the bar and sort of vaguely dancing in the middle the floor. No one else could dance because we all felt too uncomfortable by his presence. In a way, had he not been asserting himself physically in this manner it wouldn't have been such an issue.

She bar isn't ‘women only’, it even has male staff members (to the consternation of some), but it was this guy's manner and attempt to dominate the space that made all the women present hold ourselves back from readily ordering drinks, or milling about between tables mixing, or dancing.

The entire point of lesbian bars is to create a relaxed atmosphere for meeting one another. The fact of a man's presence, and how he wielded his presence, meant we all felt like we had to breathe in, be guarded, and worry about what he was trying to engineer. This defies the purpose of a lesbian space entirely. It took just one man dominating the space to make dozens

of lesbians feel uncomfortable. He didn't care, he was enjoying himself, and probably felt hard done by that he wasn't 'included' by any of us socially (or sexually) that night.

Male entitlement like this risks robbing lesbians of the few spaces on the planet we have left. Make women feel uncomfortable, or at risk somewhere, and they simply won't visit that place again. That's before we even consider things like male sexual harassment, presumably the next step in the encroachment on our sexualities and advancement on lesbian existence."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/49>

"I went to a lesbian night club in Soho with my date (a woman). It felt really good to be able to be ourselves and not feel self conscious about expressing our sexuality and affection for one another. Occasionally, my date and I would kiss but I noticed that every time we kissed a transwoman was staring at us. "She" wasn't talking to or interacting with anyone. "She" was just sitting alone in the middle of floor while we (women) were dancing and making out. I stopped kissing because I could see the transwoman was getting off watching us and it felt voyeuristic. Most of all "her" gaze resembled the seedy look men give women. I felt a combination of anger and other indescribable feelings including a sense of powerlessness. This was meant to be a safe space and it would have been if the creepy transwoman hadn't been there. We shouldn't be made to feel uncomfortable in our own spaces."

<https://www.noconflicttheysaid.org/home/page/51>

"We, the signers of this forum, testify to having experienced gender-based, punitive and sexual violence aimed at "correcting" our sexual orientation within spaces presenting themselves as LGBTQIAP+. It is not an urban legend. These are not isolated cases. Moreover, when following these attacks, we undertake to create other spaces to meet in complete safety and together to live our homosexuality serenely, we still suffer from bullying (physical attacks, cyber harassment ...)

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<https://marianne.net/agora/tribunes-libres/quand-les-ultra-progressistes-defendent-lesagressions-sexuelles-envers-les-lesbiennes>

"It seems like it's taboo for lesbians to have any boundaries anymore. If we don't either identify as male or date males who want to be treated like women, we're TERFs and deserving of death."

<https://unspeakablelgbtq.weebly.com/the-stories/it-seems-like-its-taboo-for-lesbiansto-have-any-boundaries-anymore>

"I was told that homosexuality doesn't exist and I owe it to my trans sisters' to unlearn my "genital confusion" so I can enjoy letting them penetrate me" One recalled being pressured to kiss and touch a transwoman against her will in a club, another the violating experience of having a "transwoman slapping her ass" in the women's toilet of a gay club. "The man I went on a date with, unknowingly, was mutual friends with people I knew, he threatened to out me as a terf and my job if I refused to sleep with him. I was too young to argue and had been brainwashed by queer theory so he was a "woman" even if every fibre in my being was screaming throughout so I agreed to go home with him. He used physical force when I changed my mind upon seeing his penis and he raped me"

<http://www.gettheloutuk.com/attachments/LesbiansAtGroundZeroFindings.pdf>

"Some lesbians reported turning down transwomen on online dating sites and being subjected to threats of violence, threats of sexual violence and rape, threats of corrective rape, attempts immediately being contacted by underage girls looking for sex, hopes that another transwoman rapes them and demands to meet despite the women clearly having already said no.

One lesbian reported being invited to participate in incestuous relationship with her sister and an older transwoman after turning the transwoman down.

One woman was told that a "girl dick" was just a built in dildo.

One woman reported saying she frequently got comments like, "[T]his penis makes me more of a woman than you, with this penis I'm going to dominate all of you[.] [W]e're going to rape you until you kneel before males[.] [D]eath awaits you. I'm going to pour gasoline on you so that you burn faster fucking whores[.]

If a woman tells me she doesn't want to fuck with me, I rape her. I'm much more of a woman than you, [you] shit privileged[.] [Y]ou envy trans because men prefer to fuck with us."

One woman said she was asked repeatedly about where she masturbated, including if she masturbated in university bathrooms, and was accused of being a prude after saying no and that she didn't know any women who did that.

One woman said she had to delete the Her app because the abuse from transwomen on the site towards lesbians like herself was horrible.

One woman was said, "There were several times when I expressed gender critical beliefs that a "transwoman" threatened to "out" me locally and shortly after this conversation I was receiving private messages from these kinds of males, some were pictures of their penis."

One lesbian was told they needed to see a psychiatrist to cure their internalized homophobia and "genital preference" after turning down transwomen on online dating sites and apps.

Four women also report being called TERFs if their orientation was known or they indicated a lack of attraction to male bodies.

Other women reported being told they were not actually women. Another was told she would be single forever despite being engaged at the time.

Several women said their experiences in dealing with transwomen and sexual harassment was the same as their experiences dealing with men and sexual harassment.

One lesbian said that she faced continual online persecution from a transwoman who said because she is a masculine lesbian, she should be a trans."

<https://4w.pub/content/files/2023/04/Cotton-Ceiling-paper---blind-submission.pdf>

"One lesbian was told by a man that his dick would make her normal. Some women said this abuse was because they rejected online male advances. One woman said after she rejected advances from either a transwoman or transfeminine man, the person said, "Come one. You're a slut. I know you like it because you're a dirty and mean slut." This despite the fact that she never talked like that at all to the person.

A woman on PinkCupid (dating app) said that having her settings say she was a lesbian interested in other women meant that she received huge amounts of abuse from men in their 30s and 40s who sent her streams of angry messages after viewing her profile."

<https://4w.pub/content/files/2023/04/Cotton-Ceiling-paper---blind-submission.pdf>

"Transwoman, close to 30, not operated. After clarifying several times that I didn't want to have sex with her because I didn't have sex with people with a penis, he grabbed my head to put it on her genital organs, insulting me: "fucking transphobic whore."

Another woman described her incident of sexual pressure as, "A transfeminine man cornered me in a nightclub bathroom and told me he wanted to help me put in a tampon. He touched my boobs and tried to touch my genitals. I screamed really loud and he ran away. They are aggressors because they are men."

Another story of sexual pressure by a transwoman told by a respondent was, "In a bar, after an argument, a man who claimed to be a transwoman showed me his genitals and, grabbing my arm, forced me to touch it." <https://4w.pub/content/files/2023/04/Cotton-Ceiling-paper---blind-submission.pdf>

"Has a transwoman ever sexually pressured you or forced you to have sexual contact (genital touching, oral sex, anal sex, or vaginal sex) against your will or without your consent?" 18.1% of women responded yes, having an average age of 34.

The average age of the women who said no was 33.4. Bisexual women were much less likely than lesbian women to be sexually pressured, with a rate of 8.5% compared to 30.9%.

50.0% cis woman reported being sexually pressured.

40.0% of women in the United States reported being sexually pressured by transwomen compared to 17.7% in Spain, 16.7% in Mexico and 33.3% in Argentina.

Women in rural areas were least likely to be sexually pressured by transwomen at 14.3%, while 17.2% of women in cities and 26.3% of women in the suburbs reported being sexually pressured by transwomen. 0% of mixed-race women, Hispanic / Latina women and Gitana women reported being sexually pressured by transwomen, while 16.7% of Mediterranean white women, 20.7% of white women, 25.0% of women who declined to state their race or where their race was unknown, and 33.3% of black women reported having been sexually pressured by transwomen. 20.5% of women who reported using dating sites were sexually pressured by transwomen compared to 13.9% who did not use dating sites."

<https://4w.pub/content/files/2023/04/Cotton-Ceiling-paper---blind-submission.pdf> PAGE 18

### **III. Evidence of threats of violence against lesbians and TERFs online**

There are hundreds of thousands of threats of violence against lesbians and TERFs available on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter now X. The following are but a small sample.

 WomenCanSee  
@WomenCanSee

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#TerfIsASlur  
#CisIsAntiFeminist  
#GenderIsOppression  
#WarAgainstWomen



Lydia Nought  
@LydiaHellfire



TERF gave me a nasty look when she heard me speak. Lol, bitch, imma be here all night get used to it & suck my girl cock while you're at it.

24/04/2016 2:03 pm

10:29 PM · Dec 24, 2016



♥ @LabelFreeLady · Dec 4, 2023

🗑 ...

Replying to @LabelFreeLady

Perfect example from a recent TV show (Reboot):

“My dad doesn’t know I’m a **lesbian**...”

“No one says ‘**lesbian**’ anymore, Billie Jean King...”

The “modern” thing to say here would’ve been “queer”, which encompasses all the non-privileged rainbow folx! Differentiation is for **TERFs!**



**Jean** ❤️👉👈  
@unboundme13

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Also, if you're a TERF, you can get fucked with the business end of the barbed-wire wrapped baseball bat.



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**Cathy Brennan**

@TownTattle

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Any trans allies at [#PrideLondon](#) right now need to step the fuck up and take out the TERF trash. Get in their faces. Make them afraid. Debate never works so fuck them up [#Pride](#) 🏳️‍🌈 [#TERFsOut](#)



12:29 PM - 7 Jul 2018



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noamdenuit « Burn your local terf\* »



seeing a lot of transmisogyny and violence against trans ladys on my dash tonight. everybody best stop hurting my friends or I will take some direct action to you,first by educating you with my words,then if that doesn't work,I have other means

#transmisogyny #tw violence #dont fuck with my

 **GUIguana** @albedobell · Dec 4, 2023 🗑️ ...

Ok, now I get it...I think.

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 ❤️ @LabelFreeLady · Dec 4, 2023 🗑️ ...

Being queer is a ✨ brand ✨ that says you're enlightened, intelligent, infinitely accepting. Saying "lesbian" is regarded as old-fashioned, something terfy second wave feminists might say

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 **Hope** 

@AnnaDorableBun

I mean I probably wouldn't SAY it, normally, but fuck I just really want to kill a TERF. Just fucking rip their throat out Jesus Christ.

27/03/2017, 19:20



Post



**pikakeet** @pikakeet · May 12, 2024



I remember reading at one point the appropriate new word was “sapphic” because it means “people who love women” and is therefor less exclusionary than “lesbian”.



Tweet



 **Hope**   
@AnnaDorableBun

I want to literally murder TERFs.

This isn't the sleep deprivation and general anger caused by frustration with illness talking. I mean it.

27/03/2017, 19:19



# Tweet



**alex casey** @nonbyenary

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what if someone traced the ip of that emily person and went and killed her because i'd do that but im a bit far



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@nonbyenary this really scares me

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**alex casey** @nonbyenary

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@isalbaglaciere what scares you



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**alex casey**  
@nonbyenary



@isalbaglaciere that's the only thing terfs deserve. being doxxed and killed.

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TERFs need to be eliminated off the  
face of the earth too

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I wanna direct a snuff film where multiple TERFs get shot in the head but don't die, they just suffer in agony

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@ANL\_Lily @N7Kopper Fuck TERFs with a broken beer bottle. #justsayin

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The only good TERF is a dead TERF.

5:37 PM - 1 Feb 2016



**THIS TRANNY**



**KILLS TERFS**



**Guillotine Jeff Bezos** 🌈 🇺🇸  
@Tofu\_Terrorist

Replying to @estephenss and @nulla\_nyarwe

You shouldn't punch terfs. They'll just get up and capitalize on it by playing a victim on Twitter.

Fill their pockets with bricks and fling them into the closest body of water.

09/06/2018, 03:15

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**Falange**  
@NancyIsACunt



All TERFs deserve to be shot in the head

11/09/2014 20:25



**apathetic**  
@impolitecanine

if youre a terf i will not hesitate to  
snap your neck

17/12/2016, 21:47



**Boos Did 9/11**  
@007Bistromath

I want [@BOSSMAIDEN](#) to  
correctively rape all the TERFs

22/10/2016, 01:32

## IV. Trans Only events

There are and have been plenty of trans only events in Victoria. Here are a small sample  
We support trans only events and would like to be afforded the opportunity to have our own lesbian events again.

[Trans and Gender Diverse book club](#)

[Affirmation Station - Transgender Victoria](#)

[Affirmation Station - Ballarat](#)

[Binder fittings - Geelong](#)

[Trans Masc workshop - Geelong](#)

[Trans Femme workshop - Geelong](#)

[Trans Social Club - Geelong](#)

[Trans Life Drawing](#)

[Trans Faith online](#)

[Trans Joy Swim and Gym event](#)

[Trans Swim and Gym nights at the Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre](#)

[Gender Reveal Gala](#)

[Nature Therapy](#)

[Autistic Trans and Gender Diverse Adults](#)

[Trans Social Club - Cake Decorating](#)

[Transmasc picnic](#)

[Social Butterflies](#)

[Seahorse Victoria transgender social group](#)

[Trans and Gender Diverse clothing swap](#)

[Trans Social Club - Ballarat](#)

[Ballarat Transgender, Queer & Neurodiverse Peer Network](#)

[Trans and Gender Diverse Bendigo and Beyond](#)

## V. Summary of The Cass Review, Final Report

[The Cass Review Final Report](#) (published April 2024) is the result of a four-year independent review led by Dr Hilary Cass into how England's NHS provides gender identity services for children and young people. Commissioned in 2020, it aimed to ensure care is safe, evidence-based, holistic, and effective for those experiencing gender dysphoria or questioning their gender identity.

### Key Findings

- Rapid rise in referrals: Over the past decade, NHS England saw a sharp increase in children and adolescents (particularly birth-registered females) referred for gender-related care, mirroring patterns seen internationally.
- Limited evidence base: The report found that the scientific evidence underpinning medical interventions—such as puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones for minors—is weak, low quality, and uncertain.
- Complexity of cases: Many young people seeking these services present with coexisting mental health issues, trauma, autism, or neurodevelopmental conditions, making individualized assessment essential rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.
- Concerns about the previous model: The now-closed Gender Identity Development Service (GIDS) at Tavistock was deemed overly medicalized, inadequately holistic, and failed to meet rising demand safely or effectively.

### Recommendations

1. New regional service model: Replace the single GIDS clinic with multiple regional centers integrated into broader child health and mental health networks.
2. Multidisciplinary care: Ensure teams include psychologists, paediatricians, endocrinologists, and mental health professionals, working collaboratively.
3. Cautious use of medical interventions: Puberty blockers and hormones should be prescribed only in research settings or highly controlled environments, pending stronger evidence.
4. Stronger data and research: Establish a national research program and coordinated data collection to build a more robust evidence base.

5. Holistic support: Focus on psychological and social care, family engagement, and exploration of identity before medicalization.
6. Extended support age: Services should support young people up to age 25, given ongoing identity development and mental health needs.

## **Reactions**

- Many professionals praised the review as balanced and evidence-led, emphasizing patient safety and better research infrastructure
- Several nations have changed their treatment models after the Cass Review came out. This includes the UK, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Netherlands, France, the United States,

In summary, the Cass Review calls for a reset in how NHS England approaches gender identity care: evidence-first, holistic, cautious about medicalization, and integrated into general youth health services rather than siloed speciality clinics.