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Submission to Anti-Discrimination Review

Feminist Legal Clinic Inc. is a community legal service established to advance the human rights of women and girls.

We refer to our preliminary submission of 5 October 2023 and maintain the concerns we raised therein. We also endorse submissions by other gender critical women's groups such as NSW WAA.

We remain strongly opposed to further extending the discrimination protections available to patriarchal interests, whether those interests are framed as traditional religion or as gender identity ideology. Women must be able to speak out in defence of their sex-based rights without fearing accusations of discrimination, vilification or harassment.

Discrimination laws intended to advance substantive equality between men and women should not be used as a weapon to dismantle the gains made by generations of feminist women. Single sex toilets and changerooms, prisons, hospital wards, domestic violence refuges, court saferooms, counselling and health services, women's sport, scholarships and quotas are all under threat because of the conflation of biological sex with socially constructed gender identity. The fraudulent sex change industry has succeeded where men's rights activism left off, leaving women and girls exposed to male violence and unfair treatment.

We reiterate that any expansion of discrimination provisions or powers is inappropriate at a time when human rights bodies in Australia have lost their way and can no longer define what is a woman.

Yours faithfully

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Organization in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2023.