

## Tax break for sexual diversity donors

The ALP federal government has legislated specifically to give tax concessions to anyone donating to sexual diversity advocacy group Equality Australia

In one of its last decisions prior to the prorogation of Parliament ahead of the 2025 federal election, the ALP government passed special legislation to grant DGR (deductible gift recipient) status to Equality Australia, enabling its donors to reduce their taxation liability.

The move prompted a sharp rebuke from FamilyVoice Australia National Director Peter Downie.

"Equality Australia exists to achieve the normalisation of attitudes towards the LGBTIQ+ community, as it combines considerable legal, policy and communications expertise," he said.

"But the taxpayer should not support the mission of such organisations, since everyone ought to be treated with dignity and respect, and no special funding arrangements should apply to the LGBTIQ+ community."

FamilyVoice Australia commends the action of governments to afford DGR status to organisations that exist to promote the common good, but it does not support granting that fiscal recognition of sectarian or narrowly-focussed causes.

"Granting a tax-break to any group effectively affirms that organisation's

aims and objectives," Peter Downie said.

"It is highly improper when the group's mission opposes mainstream family values and undermines the safety and security of children who, according to proven research, do best when they are raised by their married mother and father."

FamilyVoice Australia holds the view that taxpayers should not be forced to subsidise anti-family causes and insists that the federal government stop encouraging any group which does not meet the usual DGR status criteria.

"It would seem that Equality Australia did not qualify under the existing rules by which DGR status is granted to worthy causes, and instead it obtained recognition only because the ALP government specifically named the organisation in legislation.

"Either the criteria are valid or they are not, and either the organisation qualifies or not," Peter Downie said.

"Unfortunately, the exception disproves the rule, and this special pleading on behalf of gender diversity represents a very disturbing conclusion to the government's current term."

## Throw off the oppressive national curriculum

FamilyVoice spokesman Graeme Mitchell is urging non-government schools across the nation to follow the advice of NSW Catholic Schools and reject the "unacceptably woke" national curriculum.

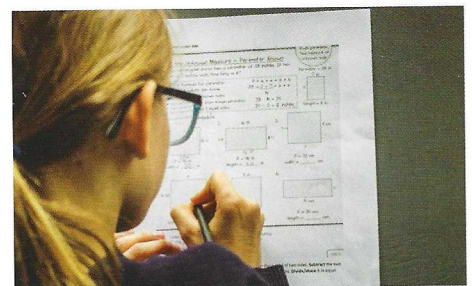
"Finally, we are seeing genuine push-back from a section of the non-government schools movement, that has the courage to call out the unacceptably woke Australian Curriculum," NSW FamilyVoice Director Graeme Mitchell said.

"It's well past time for the entire non-government schools sector to assert its independence and throw off this woke centrist educational framework."

FamilyVoice and other conservative groups are welcoming the stance taken by New South Wales Catholic Schools chief executive Dallas McNerney, reported in *The Australian* (3/4/2025).

"Curriculum and education should be about enlightenment, not indoctrination," Mr McNerney said.

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"The national curriculum is very vague and not teacher-friendly, and is not written for practical application."

An editorial in *The Australian* (19/2/2025) noted that while many students are struggling with mathematics, the subject is complicated by the cross-curriculum priorities of sustainability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and Australia's engagement with Asia.

The editorial quoted the paper's education editor Natasha Bitu who noted how the maths curriculum includes 37 complicated and at times incomprehensible instructions for teachers to use Indigenous storytelling, dances and reconciliation plans to teach addition and subtraction, algebra, statistics and trigonometry.

"Cross-curriculum priorities are not relevant to mastering the basics of maths, which is essential to open up careers in science and medicine," she wrote. "Principals also complain the material is impossible to teach."

FamilyVoice echoed concerns raised by Natasha Bitu and Dallas McNerney, but went further by urging non-government schools to reject the Australian Curriculum.

"Independent schools should be free to utilise their own approach, emphasising the fundamentals such as maths, science, history, civics and citizenship, to better equip young people, instead of satisfying the centralists who push their woke agenda," Graeme Mitchell said.

"As Margaret Thatcher said concerning a centrist approach to

education in Britain, 'If we get the curriculum wrong, we get it wrong for everyone' - and that is exactly where we are at here in Australia."

In contrasting developments in South Australia, Catholic conservatives have recently formed St Benedict School near the Adelaide Hills town of Mount Torrens, using a traditional curriculum including the study of Latin, and with zero computing.

The school opened recently under a board chaired by former Speaker of State Parliament, Hon Jack Snelling.

"We are committed to delivering a back-to-basics high quality Catholic education, without reliance on high-tech approaches and certainly with no woke ideology," he said.

## Destructive Greens-ALP alliance danger

As voters increasingly turn away from supporting the two major parties, FamilyVoice Australia is warning that a rise of Greens MPs may force a "destructive alliance" between them and the ALP.

"Conservatives in the Sunshine State are deeply concerned about a destructive alliance between the Greens and Labor that could well emerge following the May federal election," Queensland FamilyVoice Director Andrew McColl has said.

In 2022 the Greens took the seat of Griffith (South of the city) from the ALP, while ejecting the Liberal MP in the seat of Brisbane (north of the river) and ousting the Liberal National Party from the seat of Ryan (west of the city).

"If the ALP limps ahead of the Coalition, without securing a majority in the House of Representatives, inevitably there will be a power-sharing agreement with the Greens," Andrew McColl is warning.

The Greens have flagged their ambition to raise billions of dollars by increasing the tax on mining companies to finance its massive spending agenda.

But this may drive investors away,

while putting people out of work, as noted by independent economist Saul Eslake.

"If they do this it will have a negative impact on the economy in terms of job losses," he said.

Warren Hogan of EQ Economics said the tax revenue would never materialise because the companies and super wealthy tax-payers would relocate overseas.

"They can just rack off," he said. "They are mobile; they can deploy vast sums of money to avoid tax legally."

Andrew McColl is warning voters in



Andrew McColl (Qld Director, FamilyVoice) with LNP candidate for Blair Carl Mutzelberg.

Queensland and beyond that a Greens / ALP alliance would undermine private school funding and the chaplaincy program in State schools while pushing the queer agenda in primary and secondary

education.

"We've seen so often how Labor and the Greens have cooperated to push through harmful changes and we cannot believe ALP assurances that the party will not govern in coalition with the Greens," he said.

"I hope Brisbane voters will have enough sense to reject the Greens agenda and the risk of such a destructive alliance."



# Victorian hate speech law threatens freedom

FamilyVoice Victorian Director Alan Barron has slammed the passage of hate speech laws in State Parliament as a “completely unnecessary and totalitarian” threat to freedom.

The Anti-vilification and Social Cohesion Bill was sponsored by the ALP and was supported by the Greens, following a last-minute deal between the parties on April 2.

“Once again we the ALP collaborating with the Greens to elevate the individual claims of a handful of people, regardless of the harm done to the citizens’ right of expression, and the common good,” Alan Barron said.

“The cosy relationship these parties, passing the bill at the bleary-eyed hour of at 4AM, is a disturbing foretaste of what may happen federally at the coming election.

“The State Opposition is absolutely correct to say the legislation will have a chilling effect on freedom of speech,” Alan Barron said.

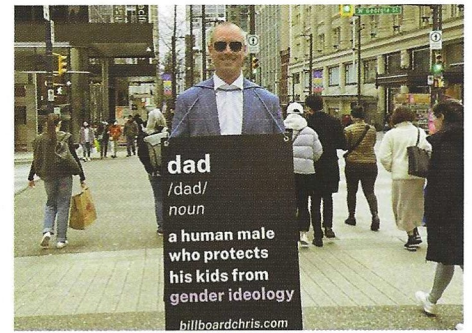
“And anyone raising concerns about gender identity issues runs the risk of a five-year prison sentence, which is bad enough, but the main problem is will be fear to speak up about sexuality.”

In other news about gender identity and freedom of speech, the Canadian conservative Chris Elston (known as ‘Billboard Chris’) arrived in Australia recently to challenge the powers of our national online regulator to apply politically-correct censorship to the “X” social media platform (formerly called Twitter).

The problem arose following a mildly expressed comment that Elston posted online: “People who belong in psychiatric wards are writing the guidelines for people who belong in psychiatric wards”. Consequently, Australia’s online eSafety regulator Julie Inman Grant found the remark to be cyber abuse of an Australian adult.

Alan Barron responded by saying FamilyVoice Australia stands squarely with Billboard Chris and completely rejects the regulator’s ruling.

“With the Internet awash with appalling instances of real cyber bullying, illegal sexual images and



‘Billboard Chris’ Elston

all manner of other harmful content, I can’t believe eSafety would waste its time finding fault with Billboard Chris and then rack up who knows what vast tax-payer funded expenses to defend its ridiculous ruling.”

In further developments, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists has rejected a bid by Queensland senior child and adolescent psychiatrist Dr Jillian Spencer to be chosen as President-Elect of the College. Dr Spencer remains sidelined in Queensland, following legitimate concerns she raised about radical gender intervention prescribed to young people of minor age. However, more than 700 psychiatrists supported her candidacy.

## Australian voters urged to vote pro-life & pro-family

FamilyVoice has collaborated widely with advocacy groups across Australia to help voters understand family and pro-life issues at this election, WA Director Darryl Budge reports.

“FamilyVoice has joined up with the Christian Values Institute, CultureWatch, and Canberra Declaration, among others to co-produce the well-known Australian Christian Values Checklist, which scrutinises policies about life, family, education, children, freedom and sovereignty issues across 11 federal parties,” Mr Budge said.

In Queensland, a Coalition for Life was formed, made up of FamilyVoice Australia, Cherish Life, Australian Christian Lobby and the National Civic Council, with the intention of a co-ordinated pro-life election strategy, according to Andrew McColl, FamilyVoice Queensland Director.

“We co-produced a pro-life flyer to explain some of the political party positions on abortion and distributed it widely. Among the seats that we targeted for this flyer, with the help of many volunteers, was the Brisbane seat of Blair, held by Labor. We did this because the Labor Party and the Greens promote abortion on demand right up till birth,” Mr McColl said.

### Christian Values Checklist

1. Protect Innocent Life – Stop taking children’s lives through abortion
2. Oppose Infanticide – Give medical care for babies born alive in an abortion
3. Oppose Euthanasia – Reject assisted suicide via remote telehealth
4. Acknowledge God – Retain opening of parliament with Christian prayer
5. Preserve Christian Heritage – Teach Australia’s Christian history in schools
6. Fund Christian Schools Fairly – Make Christian & state school funding equitable
7. Defend Faith-Based Schools – Legislate right for schools to hire by belief
8. Protect Children’s Innocence – End gender ideology extremism in schools
9. Care For Our Kids – Restore Christian-based chaplaincy programs to all schools
10. Protect Women & Girls – Keep men out of female sports & bathrooms
11. Oppose Censorship – Protect free speech by repealing flawed vilification laws
12. Uphold Religious Freedom – Let people speak & live their faith in public
13. Enact Medical Freedom – End vax mandates & hold COVID Royal Commission
14. Protect Against Pornography – Legislate internet porn filters to guard children
15. Oppose DEI Ideology – Replace racist and sexist workplace policies with merit
16. Reform Family Law Court – Restore presumed shared parental responsibility
17. Protect Private Property – Reverse government seizure of Calvary Hospital
18. Stop Antisemitism – Reject terrorism in Australia & support Israel’s right to exist
19. Protect Our Sovereignty – Expand defence & oppose China’s aggression
20. Care for God’s Creation – Support greater stewardship of the environment

FamilyVoice released the Christian Values Checklist and the Vote Wisely guides on their website [www.FamilyVoice.org.au](http://www.FamilyVoice.org.au)





## Human Rights bill likely to threaten NSW schools

**On 19th March 2025, Greens member of the NSW Legislative Assembly Jenny Leong gave notice of an Act 'to respect, protect and promote human rights' - the Human Rights Bill 2025.**

FamilyVoice Director for NSW & ACT, Graeme Mitchell, expressed concern about this Bill despite the fact that the text has not been made available for public scrutiny weeks after the Notice of Motion was presented in the Parliament.

Mr Mitchell warned, "The overriding purpose of much anti-discrimination or equal opportunity legislation is to 'eliminate discrimination' to 'the greatest possible extent', as quoted in the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

"While this seems like a noble purpose at first glance, the consequence of eliminating discrimination for some often results in the erosion of the rights of many others in their exercise of religious freedom. This is especially so regarding Christian

schools. Currently, a measure of protection is achieved by exemptions or exceptions to anti-discrimination and similar laws," Mr Mitchell said.

"The recent trend across Australian states and territories is to introduce an 'inherent requirements' test in relation to the employment of staff, meaning that most staff and volunteers are not required to subscribe to the faith basis of the school. Yet religious belief, or 'faith', within the individuals that make up the communities of Christian schools, is widely recognised as being at the very core of their identity. If an 'inherent requirements' test is included in the Greens' Human Rights Bill and that Bill becomes law, that Christian identity will be undermined and ultimately destroyed."

## Move ABC staff to Alice Springs

**FamilyVoice is calling on the federal government to massively transform Central Australia by moving a quarter of ABC staff from Sydney to the struggling town of Alice Springs.**

"By gradually moving about 1,000 staff, mainly from Sydney, to live and work in Alice Springs, the ABC would massively transform the struggling Central Australian town by injecting wealth, jobs, families and good citizens," FamilyVoice Australia spokesman David d'Lima said.

FamilyVoice has highlighted a similar move by Britain's national broadcaster a decade earlier.

"The BBC relocated 2,300 staff from London to the struggling city of Salford in 2011-2013, which created hundreds of jobs and helped transform a town characterised by deprivation, unemployment and gang crime," David d'Lima said.

"Anchoring the national broadcaster into the Red Centre would be a tangible step towards Indigenous reconciliation and advancement."

FamilyVoice also believes that the relocation would help ease the housing crisis, and grant staff a lower price on home ownership in the Alice.

"Half of the ABC's 4,400 staff are in Sydney and greater NSW, so we could make significant cuts to the \$1.2 billion budget Labor has given to the ABC."

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