

Why Senator Eric Abetz voted NO

If the laws are changed there will be many consequences for parental rights, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of conscience and even for sex education in our schools. Indeed, we don't know the full extent of the consequences because if a yes vote is returned, it's a blank cheque for the Parliament.

Specifically, the Private Members Bill expected to be brought forward offers no protections for parental rights, no protections for freedom of speech or freedom of conscience and very limited protections for freedom of religion.

If the 'yes' campaign is successful, the kinds of ugly intolerance that have seen people sacked, threatened, assaulted and dragged before government tribunals could become the new normal – it happened overseas and there is no reason it wouldn't happen here.

My message to the Australian people is simple: you're being sold a pig in a poke. Vote no to protect parental rights, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and conscientious objection.

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