



Submission

Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill 2026

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To Whom It May Concern

RE: Women's Legal Service Tasmania Submission on the Draft *Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill 2026*

Women's Legal Service Tasmania (WLST) thanks the Tasmanian Greens for their commitment to bringing the *Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill 2026* before the Tasmanian Parliament. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to the draft bill.

Who we are

WLST is a statewide community legal service for women, trans and non-binary people living in Tasmania. We have offices in Hobart, Launceston, and Burnie, and deliver outreach across the state. We provide free legal advice and representation, and wrap-around social work and financial counselling services; deliver community legal education; and participate in law reform and advocacy.

WLST is committed to contributing to a more accessible and responsive justice system and legal services for women, trans and non-binary people impacted by gender inequality and discrimination, and family, domestic and sexual violence. We seek to address structural barriers and strive for gender equality in all its forms.

Our work focuses on the needs of vulnerable women, trans and non-binary people who often have experienced family violence, sexual abuse, child sexual abuse and/or other forms of gendered violence, discrimination or abuse. As such, WLST is generally supportive of the regulation and prohibition of practices that have been shown to further marginalise, harm or discriminate against those who already experience higher levels of gender based discrimination or violence.

As an organisation informed by intersectional feminism, WLST appreciates that practices that perpetuate harm toward any marginalised group can further entrench

systemic power imbalances that contribute toward the injustices our clients continue to face.

WLST does, however, note the comments of and concerns held by Equality Tasmania in relation to the Bill and appreciates that Equality Tasmania has a powerful, almost 40-year history of campaigning on behalf of LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians, informed by a depth of lived experience.

On this basis, WLST adopts and supports the recommendations of Equality Tasmania, in line with our own commitment to the promotion of equality and human rights for the LGBTIQ+ community in Tasmania.

WLST looks forward to the progression of the *Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill 2026* to the Tasmanian Parliament, and its contribution to the State's ongoing efforts toward safeguarding the rights and safety of LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians.

Yours Sincerely



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