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Helping LGBTQA people of faith live authentically and with pride

Marking one year since Victoria's *Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Act 2021* came into effect, we've released a short explainer animation and a suite of factsheets to help the community understand this landmark law and affirm that faith and LGBTQA identity can coexist.

We'd love your help to share these resources with your networks.

About the resources

Animated explainer



Our short animation explains the Change or Suppression Act and provides assurance to communities that the main reason this law exists is to minimise harm to LGBTQA people.

This three-minute animation clarifies that:

- there's nothing wrong or unnatural with being heterosexual or straight, or with being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or asexual
- people can still be a person of faith – or not, whichever they prefer
- trying to change or hide someone's sexuality or gender identity is deeply harmful and it does not work
- Victoria has a law against these practices.

SHARE THE EXPLAINER



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MTivNbMdu4

Translated factsheets



These plain-language factsheets outline the Act's purpose and intent, define what change or suppression practices are, and provide information about reporting such practices.

The factsheets are now available in a range of languages:

- Chinese (Simplified)
- Chinese (Traditional)
- Farsi
- Hindi
- Thai

We'll be adding further translations shortly:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dinka
- Korean
- Nuer
- Oromo
- Punjabi
- Somali
- Tigrinya
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

DOWNLOAD THE FACTSHEETS



<https://www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/change-or-suppression-practices/about-the-csp-act/>

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Sample newsletter item



The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission has released a short animated explainer that affirms that LGBTQA people of faith can live authentically and with pride in Victoria.

There's nothing wrong with being heterosexual or straight, or with being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or asexual. All of these are perfectly natural.



However, there are those who believe that being LGBTQA is an illness, a choice or a disorder. They believe that being LGBTQA can be changed or hidden. Doing this is deeply harmful, and it does not work. Victoria has a law against these practices.



Australian and international research has repeatedly shown that efforts to change or suppress someone's sexual orientation or gender identity are both harmful and ineffective. Survivors speak of deep grief and profound loss because of their experiences, which often have long-term impacts on their lives and relationships.

Watch the animated explainer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_MTIvNbMdu4

Sample social media posts

EXAMPLE 1

Watch this short animation from @veohrc to understand how LGBTQA people of faith can live authentically and with pride in Victoria. Some people believe that being LGBTQA is an illness, a choice, or a disorder. They believe that being LGBTQA can be changed or hidden. Doing this is deeply harmful – and it does not work. Victoria has a law against these practices.

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EXAMPLE 2

Talking about sexual orientation and gender identity can be complex for faith communities. But when people who are queer, trans or gender-diverse don't feel supported by their faith communities, research tells us that they may experience significant harm. @veohrc has produced factsheets in multiple languages on Victoria's landmark Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Act 2021 – which bans attempts to change or suppress a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. Affirming queer, trans and gender-diverse people is essential for their health and wellbeing.

Download the factsheets here:

<https://www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/change-or-suppression-practices/about-the-csp-act/>

Find out more online

[humanrights.vic.gov.au/
change-or-suppression-practices/](https://humanrights.vic.gov.au/change-or-suppression-practices/)