

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Do Not Cross the Rubicon, PM: FamilyVoice Says ‘No’ to Amending s38(3) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984**

The Religious Discrimination Bill (RDB) is anticipated to be debated Tuesday 8 February, according to parliamentary scheduling.

The events last week at Citipointe College, where parents were asked to agree to an extensive new contract defining Christian theological stances, has been overtaken by later events due to adverse and hostile media reporting.

Whilst the school has reaffirmed (as they should) their right to operate the school in accordance with their faith commitments, the Prime Minister was caught, like rabbits, in the headlight of the LGBTIQ+ activists and agreed to revisit the question of an amendment to s38(3) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984, which allows faith-based schools to apply their religious beliefs in connection with student activities, and to ensure no student is expelled on the grounds of their sexual orientation alone.

FamilyVoice wishes to make the point once again that the question of sexual orientation discrimination by religious schools is not dealt with under the Religious Discrimination Bills so why the hostile attacks on the RDB?

If the Prime Minister pushes for an amendment of s38(3) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984, as part of the obvious ‘backroom deal’ with recalcitrant Coalition MPs to ensure the passage of the RD Bills this week, then Scott Morrison will have crossed the Rubicon - *ālea iacta est*.

“FamilyVoice could only support the RDB if any such amendment would still allow faith schools to apply their religious ethos in running those schools. Failing that, the government will endure the same fate as did Julius Caesar in January 49 BC that changed Ancient Rome forever,” said Greg Bondar, FamilyVoice spokesman.

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