

13 October 2025

Dear Attorney General,
cc: Chief Minister

Faith Leaders Concerns: *Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2025*

As leaders representing faith communities and education providers across the Northern Territory, we write to express our deep concern that the *Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2025* as currently tabled does not fulfil the Country Liberal Party's election commitment to restore key freedoms of religion and speech.

It is essential that the Bill provides genuine and enduring legal protections for freedom of religion and belief, including the freedom to express those beliefs and for faith-based organisations and schools to uphold and model their faith within their communities – including by choosing to employ staff who will uphold and model that faith.

We urge the Government to give serious consideration to the detailed submissions we have already provided and to convene another Faith Leaders' Roundtable before any final decisions are made on the Bill. Renewed consultation would provide an opportunity for direct and constructive dialogue between Government representatives and leaders from faith and education sectors.

Our hope and prayer is for a balanced and enduring legislative outcome that honours your Government's commitments and upholds the fundamental principles of freedom of religion and speech in the Northern Territory.

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