

Reference: Wendy Francis Presentation to the 2019 Conference of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations: 25 September 2019

Action points from Wendy Francis to seek to enable us, as God's children, to speak truth in the public square. In Isaiah 59 we read that "truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found." It then says that, "The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene". God wants his people to speak truth in the public square. And the reason why is given for us in the same chapter - "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins". When God's Word is accepted as truth, and that truth is spoken publicly, God takes that truth and draws people to repentance.

NATIONAL ACTION POINTS

Religious Freedom There is no doubt that it is getting harder for Christians to live out their faith in modern Australia. These are challenging times for those who believe the Bible and want to live out its teachings. Please consider signing this petition to the Senate calling for greater legal protections for Christians. https://www.acl.org.au/cm_nat_ffd

There is also an opportunity for you to send in your own submission to the Federal Parliament, calling for religious freedom by 2nd October www.acl.org.au/cm_nat_rf

Inquiry into age verification for online wagering and online pornography closing date - Friday 25 October 2019
www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Social_Policy_and_Legal_Affairs/Onlineageverification

Review of Australian Association of National Advertisers self-regulatory code of ethics closing date - Friday 18 October 2019
aana.com.au/content/uploads/2019/09/AANA-Code-of-Ethics-Review-Discussion-Paper-September-2019.pdf

Strength in unity - Attend ACL's national conference in Sydney on Saturday 19th October. As the people of God there is strength in unity. This is a very real opportunity to visibly demonstrate the strength of the movement for Truth in our nation. www.acl.org.au/2019_nat_conf

Pornography - Add your name to the ACL campaign calling on pornography to be recognized as a public health issue - https://www.acl.org.au/petition_porn_is_a_public_health_crisis

NSW SPECIFIC ACTION POINT

Your voice is needed to help form a tsunami of opposition to the abortion-to-birth bill now before the NSW parliament. https://www.acl.org.au/take_action_on_abortion_today

QLD SPECIFIC ACTION POINTS

March for Life – Please join us as we march through Brisbane for LIFE - Saturday 12th October - https://www.acl.org.au/ev_qld_mfl

Euthanasia – please sign the Qld Parliament petition calling for palliative care, not killing - <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3176>

Euthanasia forum – Important forum to discuss the implications of the current inquiry into euthanasia in Qld – please attend if possible https://www.acl.org.au/brisbane_forum

Advertising petition – calling on the Qld government to include sexualised advertising in their proposed ban on junk food advertising near schools, sports grounds and public transport hubs
<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3154>

NORTHERN TERRITORY SPECIFIC ACTION POINT

Northern Territory government push to liberalise the Sex Industry in the Territory

The NT government is calling on submissions from the public in regards to their push to liberalise the sex industry. There is irrefutable evidence linking the legalisation of brothels to the rise in demand for sexual services and consequent rise in sex trafficking. The current and proposed laws do not acknowledge the exploitive nature of the sex industry. If you believe in the equality of women it is impossible to think of the sex industry as anything but gender based sexual exploitation. We must demand legislation that values and protects women, not the sex industry.

parliament.nt.gov.au/committees/EPSC/105-2019

SOUTH AUSTRALIA SPECIFIC ACTION POINT

Proposed South Australian Prostitution laws would trap women in this exploitive industry

The SA proposed prostitution bill would be the most radical law passed in Australia on this issue and will cause an increase in the trafficking and exploitation of vulnerable women. We need to help those trapped in this exploitive industry, not entrench them. Use this form to send a message directly to the SA parliament

https://www.acl.org.au/cm_sa_decrimpros1

Read these articles for more information

<https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2019/09/10/the-hidden-toll-of-slavery-and-trafficking-in-sa/>

https://www.acl.org.au/nordic_legislation_prostitution_australia

https://www.acl.org.au/blog_cb_prostitution2

<http://normac.org.au/>

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/tag/australia/>

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SPECIFIC ACTION POINT

Euthanasia - Your voice is needed to help stop euthanasia in its tracks – let your MP know that there is strong opposition to the flawed VAD bill. https://www.acl.org.au/cm_wa_euth19