

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [avpinquiry](mailto:avpinquiry)  
**Subject:** Submission The Racial and Religious Tolerance Act  
**Date:** Friday, 20 December 2019 12:49:19 PM

---

To whom it may concern.

It has come to the attention of the **Melbourne Hare Krishna Movement** that the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act, which has underpinned our multicultural harmony in Victoria for the past two decades and has built a cohesive society in which all communities of whatever race, religion or culture live in harmony and cooperation.

Our Movement believe that the integrity of the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act must be maintained so that racial and religious vilification may be addressed with clarity and strength.

The proposed amendments to include additional attributes such as Gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics has nothing to do with the current context of the Act.

All the new attributes proposed to be added are religiously neutral and should not be added or confused with the content of the current Act under which the state of Victoria enjoys the status of greatest multi-cultural state in the nation.

Addition of these new attributes unnecessarily dilutes the current purpose of the Act.

**The International Society for Krishna Consciousness Victoria** does not support the proposed amendment of the Racial and Religious Tolerance Act.

Rev. Albert (Bhakta Dasa) Lange.

Communications Officer [REDACTED]

ISKCON Australia  
[REDACTED]