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Dear Commissioners of the Australian Human Rights Commission,

We hope this email finds you well. We, a collective group of concerned citizens, are writing to express our strong support for the Australian Human Rights Commission application submitted by the Lesbian Action Group. The application seeks permission to hold a female-only event, an endeavour that is consistent with the principles of fairness, inclusivity, and the right to self-organize.

The essence of social groups, organisations, and entities lies in their ability to define specific criteria for membership. This practice is intrinsic to functioning societies and is not tantamount to discrimination or exclusion. Numerous examples substantiate this point. Prominent political parties, sporting clubs, cultural organisations, and even exclusive societies uphold certain eligibility parameters for membership. This is not just reasonable; it's essential for fostering cohesion and shared purpose.

For instance, political parties choose their members based on shared ideologies, and sporting clubs determine membership by skill and sport-specific criteria. These selectivity measures are fundamental to maintaining the integrity and purpose of these groups. The broader society recognises and respects these parameters as necessary to fulfil the group's objectives.

Furthermore, we must address the important distinction between responsible exclusivity and harmful discrimination. A pertinent example is an organisation based on a particular protected characteristic. Women's shelters, support groups for specific ethnicities, and disability-focused associations are instances where membership is determined by shared characteristics. This is not discriminatory behaviour; rather, it serves the purpose of creating safe and supportive spaces for those with shared experiences. Just as women's shelters exist to protect and uplift women, the Lesbian Action Group's application for a female-only event is an extension of this principle.

It's disheartening that the Lesbian Action Group even needs to apply for this protection. The fact that a group's efforts to create a space for their community require such an application highlights the urgency of this matter. There are instances of individuals targeting women and lesbians in ways that are unacceptable by societal standards.

In conclusion, we urge the Australian Human Rights Commission to recognise the importance of protecting the Lesbian Action Group's right to self-organise and hold female-only events. This is not a case of exclusionary hate; rather, it's an effort to foster camaraderie, share experiences, and create a safe space. The application mirrors how diverse societies naturally function, with shared objectives and eligibility criteria.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support for the Lesbian Action Group's application would signify a commitment to fairness, inclusivity, and the protection of minority communities.

Sincerely,

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