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Subject: Re: Response to preliminary decision to the Lesbian Action Groups Application for an Exemption.
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Apologies, we appear to have sent our email to an incorrect address and are informed that legal@humanrights.gov.au is the correct one.

Regards
Lesbian Action for Visibility in Aotearoa

On Tue, 3 Oct 2023, 6:37 pm LAVA, <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Lesbian Action for Visibility in Aotearoa (LAVA) supports the Lesbian Action Group (LAG) application for a temporary exemption under the Australian Sex Discrimination Act 1984, to hold and publicise exclusively lesbian events and activities. This is our response to the Australian Human Rights Commission's notice of a preliminary view on LAG's application.

LAVA members know that sex and gender are different. LAVA members know that the word "lesbian" refers to same sex attracted, not same gender attracted, women. We support the right of lesbians to organise and socialise through single-sex spaces and events on the basis of our same-sex sexual orientation, and to exclude male people from such spaces and events.

We hope the Australian Human Rights Commission will consider the impact of this decision on lesbians as a category of people protected in Human Rights law, and ensure that lesbians as a marginalized minority group are protected, and our rights are upheld, by granting the temporary exemption to the Lesbian Action Group.

Yours sincerely

Lesbian Action for Visibility in Aotearoa