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Greetings,

As the pastor of a small independent Christian church it seems to me that the wording of this regulation is too broad.

As worded it could be used by hostile people to harass religious groups by making a series of summary offences complaints and then referring those complaints to the ACNC.

While it would be expected that the Commissioner should be able to distinguish between vexatious complaints and genuine complaints, it places a great deal of pressure and stress on a church to have to respond to the complaint. If legal advice is also needed it will also place a significant financial burden on the church.

For example, gender activists could use actions under the Victorian *Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020* as a basis to then further harass churches through the ACNC.

There are similar ways in which other religious faiths could also be targeted.

I don't think the implications of this regulation have been fully considered and the regulation should not be implemented.

Regards

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