

Queer radical is a broad based radical activist group.

Our aim is to fight homophobia coming from any individual, group, organisation, business, corporation or government with action campaigns.

It is not enough to fight discrimination by lobbying the government and big business. They will only concede our rights under the fear of anger from the queer and general community.

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The most obvious areas of homophobia is in the State's age of consent and Equal Opportunity Laws.

Under the notorious Foss amendments to the Decriminalisation of Sodomy Act of 1989, the age of consent for gay males is 21. It is criminal offence for a 17 year old male to have sex with a 21 year old male. Yet, a 45 year old male can legally have sex with a 16 year old female.

The State's Equal Opportunity Laws do not protect individuals from discrimination on the grounds of sexuality either. This can mean that there is little recourse for people who are sacked from their jobs because of a queer identity, or are refused a rental property because their lesbian lover didn't suit the decor.

With these laws, where is equality? Where is justice? Equality must be legislated, now...!

We call for



- >> the immediate introduction of equal ages of consent and the repeal of the homophobic Foss amendments.
- >> amendments to Equal Opportunity Act to include the discrimination on the grounds of sexuality.
- >> the elimination of all other homophobic and discriminatory laws.



These are the first steps in the fight for queer acceptance. With the elimination of these discriminatory laws, it sends a message to the wider community that discrimination and homophobia is not to be tolerated.

But Queer Radical will not stop at legislative changes. Actions are a major focus of our activities. Wherever an individual, right-wing organisation, or company discriminates against queer or non-mainstream individuals, we intend to be there to protest and send a message that will not be ignored. Queer Radical does not accept tolerance. Tolerance is a gift bestowed by those who don't really want you around. They may like your money. They may be prepared to sell you their products. People are not just consumers, people need to be persons too.

Tolerance is not enough. Demand acceptance.

Queer Radical can be contacted on 09 2725549 or 3288393, or by writing to PO BOX 736 Nedlands WA 6009.

Meetings are the first Thursday, every month @ 7.00pm Court Hotel (cnr James and Beaufort Sts. Northbridge).

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