



Women's Human Rights Campaign

Australian Media Fail to Report on Women's Sex-Based Rights

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Campaigners for women's human rights are celebrating the successful UK appeal by Maya Forstater despite the failure of large sections of the Australian press to cover this landmark case on freedom of speech. Maya Forstater lost her job after saying that people cannot change their biological sex, but has now won an appeal against the employment tribunal's decision.

'Like Keira Bell's successful case against the Tavistock Gender Clinic late last year, this appeal by Maya Forstater is a key human rights case that should have received more attention by our media,' according to Anna Kerr of Feminist Legal Clinic Inc. *"We have been contacted by a number of Australian women who have had their employment threatened for the same reason as Maya and we are concerned that major media outlets such as ABC, SBS, the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age are failing to provide balanced reporting on this topic so that women's voices are effectively being silenced."*

Other stories not covered adequately by the media include the impact of trans activism on women's sports. Kath Deves from Save Women's Sports Australasia says: *"We are concerned that no one is championing the cause of Australian weightlifter, Charisma Amoe-Tarrant, originally from Nauru, who is set to miss out on a chance of competing at the Tokyo Olympics. The IOC's eligibility guidelines for transgender athletes enable males to compete in the women's category and will see Laurel Hubbard from New Zealand take Charisma's spot as a representative of Oceania unless something is done fast."*

Women's human rights campaigners, concerned by biased reporting, particularly in respect to the hormonal and surgical treatments of children presenting with gender dysphoria, recently protested the offices of the ABC with placards proclaiming: *"No child is born in the wrong body"* and *"Woman is not a feeling"*, *"No bloke is a lesbian"* and *"Puberty blockers cause harm"*. Further protests are planned by the Women's Human Rights Campaign.

Women's Human Rights Campaign (WHRC) is a group of volunteer women from across the globe dedicated to protecting women's sex-based rights. Our volunteers include academics, writers, organizers, activists, and health practitioners who work to promote the Declaration on Women's Sex-Based Rights. The Declaration already has over 18,000 signatures from 102 countries and has been translated into 13 languages.

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