Now The Queensland Police Uniform Is Being Used To Promote Rainbow Politics

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Police uniforms should not be compromised by political causes, according to the
Australian Christian Lobby.

Queensland Police were yesterday supplied rainbow lanyards
(http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/gladstone/2017/05/17/gladstone-police-celebrate-
international-day-homophobia-transphobia-biphobia/) and encouraged to wear them to

make a statement on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia yesterday.

A statewide email, obtained by ACL, was sent to all officers in charge, officers and managers encouraging police to wear the rainbow lanyard, fly LGBTI Network posters at police stations and advising that rainbow political flag would fly at police headquarters in Roma Street.

"Of course no one wants to see any member of the community bullied or discriminated against for any reason," ACL Queensland Director Wendy Francis said.

"And of course 'phobia' towards other people is irrational.

"But the rainbow political flag, adapted to police uniform lanyards represents a political agenda for marriage and re-shaping society's understanding of gender.

"Exerting soft pressure on police to identify with the rainbow political agenda for redefining marriage and teaching children their gender is fluid through so-called 'Safe Schools' is not appropriate," Ms Francis said.

"The issue of redefining marriage is yet to be resolved with the Senate still blocking the Turnbull Government's promised peoples' vote. It is not for the Queensland Police to promote a political cause that is yet to be decided by the Australian people.

"This is the only lanyard that has been issued in support of a specific group. There is no lanyard supporting campaigns against domestic violence. No white lanyard for white ribbon day. No lanyard for indigenous people or for supporting refugee rights. There is no red lanyard on the annual Day for Daniel (Morcombe).

"This action has many questioning the role of police in terms of political activism. It asks the police to align themselves with a political symbol of an overarching campaign to bring ideological teaching into our schools through programs such as Safe Schools and Respectful Relationships, both of which have been discredited by academics, medical professionals and parliamentarians. It aligns police with the political campaign against our country's current definition of marriage. It has made the police men and women to become political activists and social engineers, and stands at odds with the police force being on the side of every law-abiding Australian.

"The police lanyard holds their badge. That lanyard and badge is enough for every Queenslander to know that they are there to protect them, to oppose all discrimination, and to remain neutral on political campaigning.

"There is no place for our police to become political campaigners for one group of Australians and not others. The police should support all Queenslanders, even those who believe marriage is between one man and one woman."

Ms Francis said the compromising of Queensland Police uniform follows similar compromising of the Australian Army uniform this year when personel were allowed to wear rainbow encircled Rising Sun badges on their uniforms.

"If police and army uniforms are allowed to be used to promote one groups' political objectives, I look forward to the day when the pro-life movement's little feet pins can be worn with pride by police and army personel."

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