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REPEAL, NOT REFORM, OF SECTION 18C THE ONLY WAY FORWARD FOR FREE SPEECH: IPA

Free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs is calling for the full repeal of section 18C as the only adequate protection for freedom of speech, in a comprehensive submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into freedom of speech in Australia released today.

"Section 18C is a significant and dangerous restriction on the human right to freedom of speech. Its problems are so fundamental that the only solution is the complete repeal of the law," said Simon Breheny, Director of Policy at the IPA.

"Arbitrary limits on freedom of speech are wrong in principle, undermine democracy, and threaten social cohesion."

"Section 18C violates our rights, chills public debate and divides our community."

"The IPA report concludes that there is no solution to protect freedom of speech short of the full repeal of section 18C."

You can download and read the IPA's full report [The case for the repeal of section 18C](#) [here](#).

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