To the Honourable President and members of the Senate in Parliament assembled, I, Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Liberal Senator for New South Wales and your petitioners ask that the Senate pass a *Religious Freedom Act* that contains not only a protection against religious discrimination, but also contains general protections for religious believers which includes provisions that ensure:

- Everyone shall have the right to freedom of speech, thought, conscience and religion including freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of one's choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest one's religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching;
- No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his or her freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his or her choice;
- Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others;
- Parents or legal guardians may ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions;
- All arms of government must act consistently with the Religious Freedom Act; and
- All laws must be applied consistently with the principles contained in the Act.

Name	**Address (Suburb & Postcode)**	**E-Mail**	**Telephone or Mobile No.**	**Signature**

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