

**The Liberal Party's
Family First policy
deliberately hurts:**

single women,
infertile lesbians,
young gay men,
straight couples,
gay couples
and gay families

**Placing some families first
by removing the rights of
other families is wrong!**



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The Liberal Anti-Gay Agenda: The truth about Liberal Party claims it will protect families – by placing ‘families first’.

The Liberals will protect some families, destroy others

The WA Liberal Party says it wants to protect families and put them first. But their plans aren't to protect all families – but to strip protections and human rights under law to destroy some families.

Fact: The Liberal Party will only put some families first, and destroy hundreds of families.

Even the Liberal coalition allies – the Nationals – say the Liberal anti-gay agenda is a waste of time.

Colin Barnett's 2001 Broken Promise: Pro-family policy will not be anti-gay

The Promise...

"[The Liberal Party will consult widely within the community, **including talking with members of the gay and lesbian community.** They will not be excluded."

"The Liberal Party, when in government, will introduce a pro-family Bill. **It will not be antigay or discriminatory;** it will clearly be pro-family legislation."

– Colin Barnett MLA, Liberal Party Leader
Hansard, 11 December 2001

The Truth...

Fact: The Liberals have not consulted widely about their *Family First* policy, and **they did not consult with the gay and lesbian community's various human rights group.**

Fact: The Liberal *Family First* policy is both **anti-gay and discriminatory.** The policy also **destroys the rights of infertile single women and straight and gay de factos.**

Fact: The anti-gay *Family First* policy initiatives **do not give straight families any further protections** under law.

The Liberal *Family First* Policy: How it will hurt gays, women and de factos

The Policy...

The Liberal Party **does not support any policy that enables homosexual couples to adopt** children.

Nor does the Liberal Party support **single women or lesbian couples having access to IVF** treatment.

On balance, **most people would accept the age of consent for homosexual males to be 18 years**, in line with the age of majority.

Access to the Family Court should be reserved for married couples, de facto couples with a child or children and **long-term (childless) de facto couples who have been in a continuous relationship for not less than 5 years.**

The Liberal Party **does not support homosexual couples having access to the Family Court.**

The Hurtful Result...

Anti-gay: Bans on adoption won't protect straight families, but will fail to protect the children of gay and lesbian parents who do deserve fair access to adoption to legally protect their families and children.

Anti-gay and anti-women: Being medically infertile is heartbreaking to women. It is unfair to restrict medical treatment for infertility based on a woman's sexual orientation or relationship status.

Anti-gay: A 2004 Westpoll shows most people support an age of consent at 16. Criminalising young gay men says they can't make informed choices and leads to stigmatisation, self-harm and suicide.

Anti-gay and anti-de facto: All relationships deserve fairness, and barring access to the WA Family Court will add pain to gay and some straight de facto couples already hurting from a relationship ending.

Nationals leader would never support Lib policy:

... Mr Trenorden said he would **never support** reinstating laws that discriminated against gays. **"Not while I'm deputy premier," he said. "It won't happen."** [source: Sunday Times, 23 January 2005]

On 26 Feb, vote to protect all families and human rights

At the State election, please consider voting for progressive parties before the Liberal Party.

Fact: The Greens, Democrats and Labor will continue to protect all families and human rights.