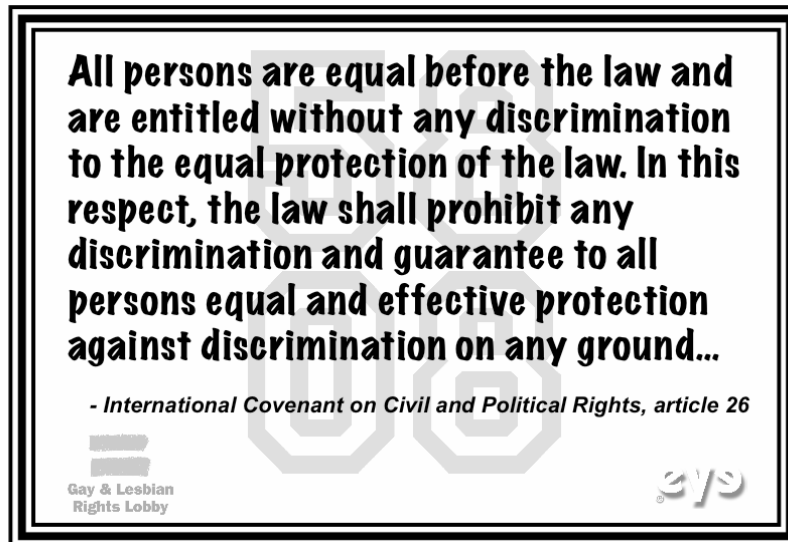


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## 1. Preamble

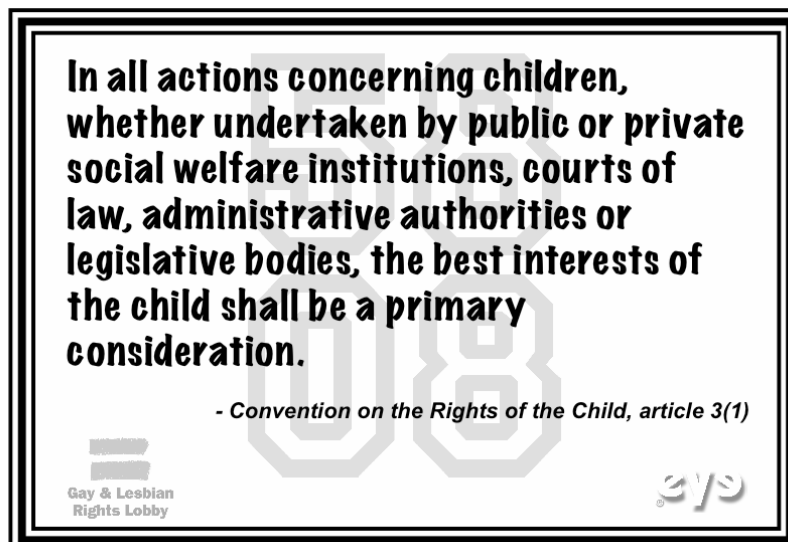
All persons are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law. In this respect, the law shall prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground...

- *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, article 26*



In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.

- *Convention on the Rights of the Child, article 3(1)*



## 2. The Theme



### 58'08: Equality... Bring It On!

#### 2.1 The Concept

The 58 Legal Instruments highlighted in the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) report [Same-Sex: Same Entitlements](#), National Inquiry Into Discrimination Against People In Same-Sex Relationships: Financial and Work Related Entitlements and Benefits:

<[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/human\\_rights/samesex/report/summary.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/human_rights/samesex/report/summary.html)>

For the 2008 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras parade, [ethel yarwood enterprises \(eye\)](#) <<http://www.yarwood.com.au>> will be collaborating with the [Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby \(GLRL\)](#) <<http://www.glrl.org.au>> to present a parade entry in 2 parts - **58'08: Equality... Bring It On!**

Inspired by the teen hit movie Bring it On!, the Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby will be bringing its 58'08 campaign message to life this Mardi Gras. After winning the award for Most Creative Entry at last year's Mardi Gras, the Lobby will be stepping up its float credentials with a cheerleader-led float highlighting the 58 laws which discriminate against same-sex couples and their children.

Dressed in pink, white and black costumes with 58'08 printed on the front and back, a troupe of equality cheerleaders will be lead our marching entry to a soundtrack of satirical chants highlighting discrimination against same-sex couples and their children.

The GLRL is working in partnership with ethel yarwood enterprises, best known for their humorous award winning entries, including the Karma Kleaners in 2007 (Creative Director's Award) and the Kate Moss Line Dancers in 2006 (Funniest Parade Entrant) <<http://www.yarwood.com.au/mardigras>>. ethel yarwood enterprises will be following the Lobby's float entry with a 58'08 marching group dressed to reflect the 58 discriminatory laws, as highlighted by the final report of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's Same-Sex: Same Entitlements report.

Bringing stories from the Same-Sex Same Entitlements report to life, people who made submissions to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission will be invited to march with the GLRL under a banner bearing the exact piece of legislation which discriminates against them, their partner or their family.

This year the float promises to be satirical, energetic and send a serious message that 58 laws which discriminate against same-sex couples and their children must be changed by the end of 2008.

## 2.2 The Message

The Australian Labor Party gave a commitment during the 2007 Federal Election campaign to eliminate **all** discrimination against same-sex couples and their children as outlined in the list of 58 Federal Laws to be Amended in the HREOC report.

### [Labor Welcomes Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Report on Same-Sex Entitlements](#)

21st June 2007 - Media Statement by Joe Ludwig

<<http://www.alp.org.au/media/0607/msag211.php>>

“Federal Labor has a long-standing commitment to remove discrimination from Federal legislation.”

### **Double Whammy On Interest Rates; Jason Wood; AWAs; Inflation; Razor Gang; Spending Restraint; Meeting With News Ltd; Cricket; Work Choices; [Removing Discrimination Against Same Sex Couples](#)**

8th November 2007 - Doorstop Interview of Kevin Rudd

<<http://www.alp.org.au/media/1107/dsiloo080.php>>

**JOURNALIST:** Mr Rudd, Mr Turnbull has promised that he would press within the Government (inaudible) and that we have discrimination of superannuation for gay couples (inaudible) this was a promise the Government made in fact three years ago and hasn't yet been implemented. Do you commit Labor to implement in all 58 (inaudible) remove discrimination against gay couples throughout our Commonwealth law?

**KEVIN07:** We have said that we will remove all the discriminations concerning same sex couples when it comes to inheritance laws, social security law and other categories, I don't have the list of 58 in front of me but can I say it's a very extensive list that we have committed to. Furthermore can I say on this question. Once again we have the old Liberal Party walking both sides of the street. If you look and see what Mr Turnbull's been saying locally about the rights and entitlements of same sex couples in Wentworth, and contrast with what the Government is saying in other quarters. I'm quite concerned that Mr Turnbull himself is walking both sides of the street on this one.

Now that the Labor Party is in government, we are here to remind them of that commitment.  
**58'08: Equality... Bring It On!**

### 3. Parade

The 2008 Mardi Gras parade will be realised in 4 sections behind 4 planets: the Red Planet for HIV support groups, the Home Planet (Green), the Animal Planet and the Freedom Planet (White). The Freedom section is the most appropriate for our group. If possible will request that the Mardi Gras parade committee place our combined parade entry at number 58 if this falls into the Freedom section.

#### 3.1 Participants

For the yarwood component at least, 58 people, each carrying an A2 placard. Each placard lists one of the 58 laws that require amendment. We will also investigate the possibility of including people who have been discriminated by specific pieces of legislation and have them carry the placard related experience.

#### 3.2 Costumes

##### Marchers

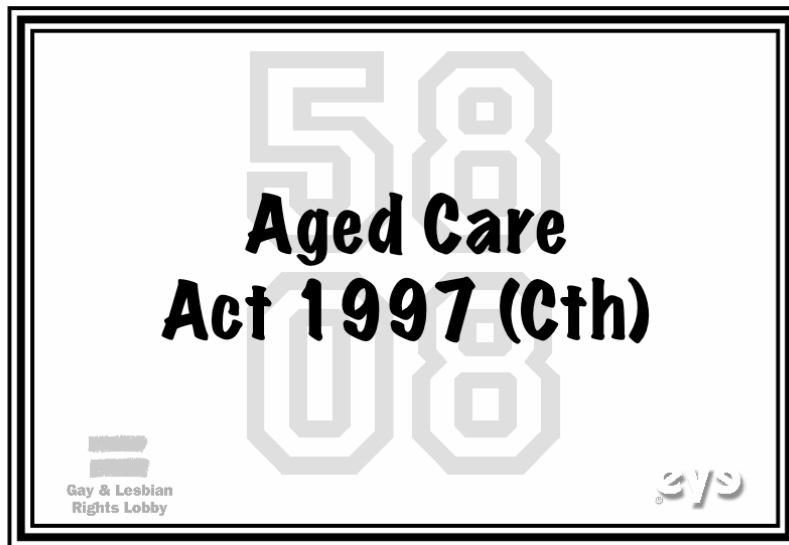
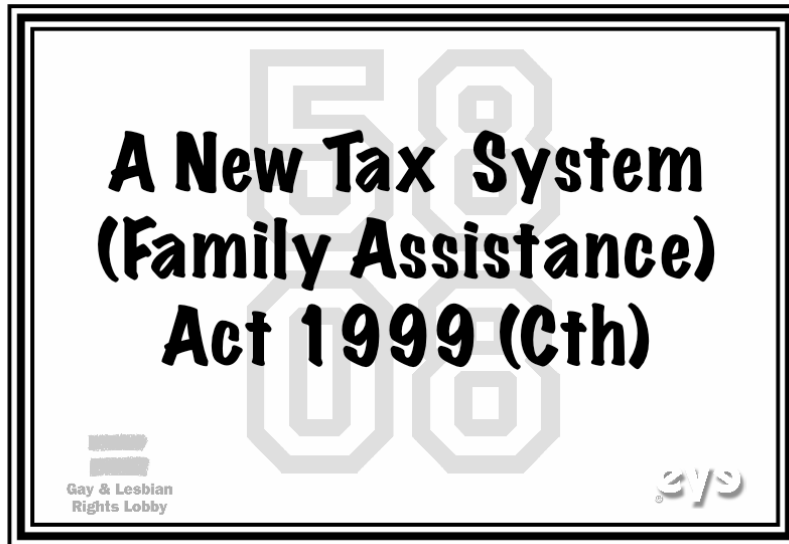
A t-shirt in the colour designated by the MG parade committee associated with that section of the parade.

The t-shirt is printed with the "5808" logo. The participant can then accessorise their costume in keeping with the placard. For example military garb to tie in with Defence Force themed placards.



### 3.3 Protest Marchers' Placards

See below for draft example of placards:



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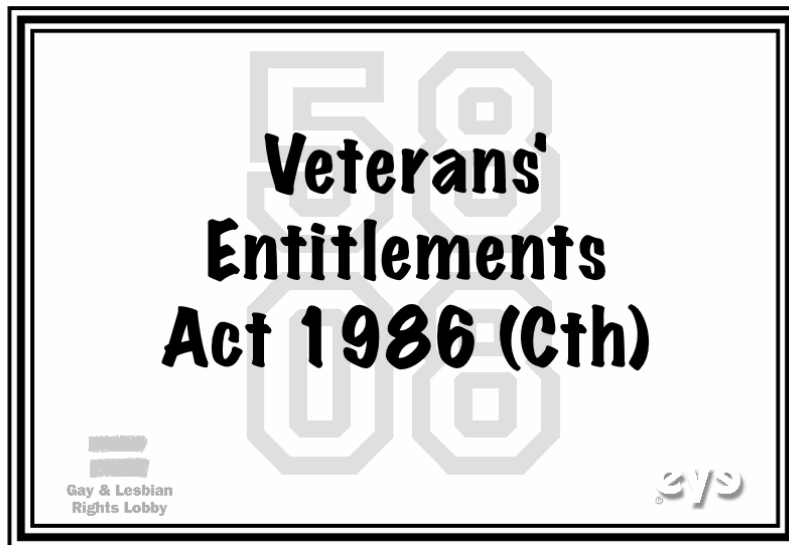
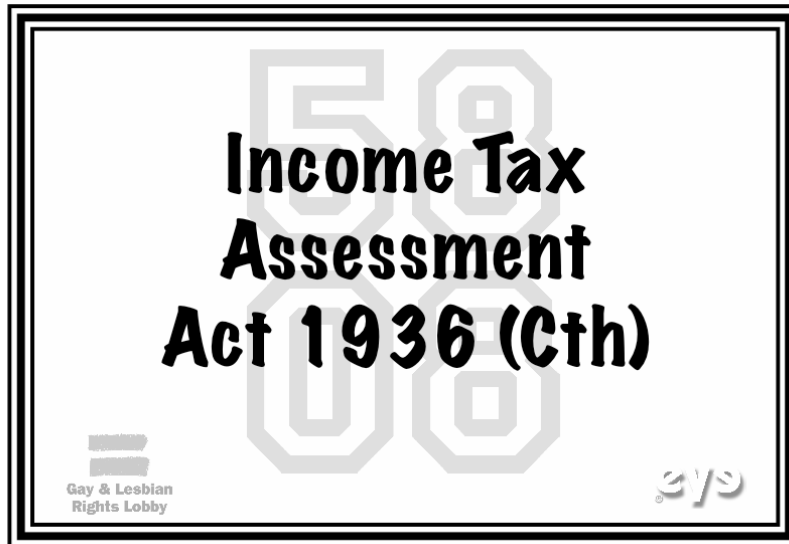
  
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# Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990 (Cth)

  
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### 3.4 The List of Federal Laws to be Amended

No.	Legal Instrument
1	A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999 (Cth)
2	Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976 (Cth)
3	Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986 (Cth)
4	Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)
5	Australian Meat and Live-Stock Industry Act 1997 (Cth)
6	Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth)
7	Broadcasting Services Act 1992 (Cth)
8	Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989 (Cth)
9	Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959 (Cth)
10	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)
11	Defence Act 1903 (Cth)
12	Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990 (Cth)
13	Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973 (Cth)
14	Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1967 (Cth)
15	Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth)
16	Family Law Act 1975 (Cth)
17	Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006 (seeking to amend the Federal Magistrates Act 1999 (Cth))
18	Financial Sector (Shareholdings) Act 1998 (Cth)
19	Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (Cth)
20	Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Regulations 1989 (Cth)
21	Foreign States Immunities Act 1985 (Cth)
22	Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986 (Cth)
23	Governor-General Act 1974 (Cth)
24	Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cth)
25	Higher Education Funding Act 1988 (Cth)
26	Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth)
27	Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cth)
28	Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)
29	Income Tax Regulations 1936 (Cth)
30	Insurance Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1991 (Cth)
31	International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963 (Cth)
32	Judges' Pensions Act 1968 (Cth)
33	Judicial and Statuary Officers (Remuneration and Allowances) Act 1984 (Cth)
34	Life Insurance Act 1995 (Cth)
35	Medicare Levy Act 1986 (Cth)

No.	Legal Instrument
36	Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act 2002 (Cth)
37	Migration Regulations 1994 (Cth)
38	Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (Cth)
39	Military Superannuation and Benefits Trust Deed (made under s 5(1) of Military Superannuation and Benefits Act 1991 (Cth))
40	National Health Act 1953 (Cth)
41	Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948 (Cth)
42	Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990 (Cth)
43	Passenger Movement Charge Collection Act 1978 (Cth)
44	Pooled Development Funds Act 1992 (Cth)
45	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cth)
46	Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/14: Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance
47	Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/18: Members of Parliament – Entitlements
48	Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997 (Cth)
49	Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (Cth)
50	Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992 (Cth)
51	Social Security Act 1991 (Cth)
52	Superannuation (Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan) Trust Deed (made under s 10 of the Superannuation Act 2005 (Cth))
53	Superannuation Act 1976 (Cth)
54	Superannuation Act 1990 (Cth)
55	Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cth)
56	Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994 (Cth)
57	Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (Cth)
58	Workplace Relations Act 1996 (Cth)

The [full report](#) is available at:

[http://www.humanrights.gov.au/human\\_rights/samesex/report/pdf/SSSE\\_Report.pdf](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/human_rights/samesex/report/pdf/SSSE_Report.pdf)

## 4. Funding

- **MANACLE** <<http://www.MANACLE.com.au/>> have again offered financial support for the ethel yarwood enterprises 2008 Mardi Gras parade entry.
- New Mardi Gras have a grants program which we will apply for to fund a component of the parade entry, possibly printing the placards or the A2 sleeves.
- participant contribution
- GLRL to assist in funding

## 5. Organization **ethel yarwood enterprises**

ethel yarwood enterprises "a collective founded on the philosophy of the permanence of disposable art", is a fluid group of like-minded individuals who have fun working together employing politics, humour and parody to highlight issues relevant to the gay and lesbian communities. ethel yarwood enterprises has staged a number of events in the gay and lesbian community to date such as:

- *WIGworlds I, II, III and IV*
- *"Hop Yourself Stupid", Queen Bunny's AIDS Easter benefit from 1989 to 1998*

Refer to: <<http://www.yarwood.com.au/hys>>

as well as the award winning parade entries:

- |   |             |                                      |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| • <a href="#">Keith Haring - Party of Life</a>                        | <b>1997</b> | (awarded Best Small Group Entrant)   |
| • <a href="#">Dick van Dykes on Bikes</a>                             | <b>1998</b> | (awarded Best Community Entrant)     |
| • <a href="#">The Happy Little SODOMITES</a>                          | <b>2000</b> | (awarded Best Small Group Entrant)   |
| • <a href="#">Bridge on the River Kweer</a>                           | <b>2001</b> | (awarded Judges' Choice)             |
| • <a href="#">Jenny &amp; Craig's Extreme<br/>Mardi Gras MakeOver</a> | <b>2004</b> | (awarded Best Small Group Entrant)   |
| • <a href="#">The Kate Moss Line Dancers</a>                          | <b>2006</b> | (awarded Funniest Parade Entrant)    |
| • <a href="#">Karma Kleaners</a>                                      | <b>2007</b> | (awarded Creative Director's Choice) |

More details on ethel yarwood enterprises parade entries at:

<<http://www.yarwood.com.au/mardigras>>