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**CHRISTINE FORSTER & THE YES CAMPAIGN CONFIRM:
FREE SPEECH WILL BE ON TRIAL**

Leading 'Yes' campaigner, Christine Forster has today admitted that it is appropriate for anyone that causes offence to be dragged before the anti-discrimination tribunal.

In an interview on Sky News, Forster argued that Archbishop Julian Porteous should have been convicted for distributing a booklet to Catholic schools and churches bearing the slogan 'don't mess with marriage'.

"He was taken to the tribunal for stating the message that 'messing with marriage is missing with kids.' That was the statement that was challenged."

"That is not a justifiable statement."

"...the reason why that priest was taken to the tribunal was because he made a statement that somebody found offensive."

Seemingly unaware of the irony, Forster's support for the case against Archbishop Porteous came straight after she scoffed at the idea that making gay marriage legal would lead to laws against free speech.

"This is extraordinary hypocrisy from Forster and the 'yes' campaign," said Coalition for Marriage spokesman Lyle Shelton.

"The 'yes' campaign is advocating for penalties against anyone that dares to dissent.

"We haven't yet voted on gay marriage and already we're losing our freedoms."

Transgender activist and federal Greens candidate Martine Delaney had initially lodged the complaint about the booklet.

"The decision to drop the case left a number of questions unanswered, in particular the ability of the church to freely express its view on marriage. Respect for religious freedom means that religious organisations should have the right to express themselves without fear of being dragged in front of a tribunal," said Mr Shelton.

"Increasingly, they are trying to manipulate anti-discrimination legislation to silence anyone that disagrees.

"The Australian people are being asked to vote on legislation that they haven't seen. All they have is a promise from the Government that freedom of speech and freedom of religion will be protected.

"But today, Christine Forster admitted that the 'yes' campaign want free speech restrictions to get tougher. Worse will come. I say to the Australian people, if you don't know, you must vote 'no'," concluded Mr Shelton.

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