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## EQUALITY CAMPAIGN RENEGES ON 'NO CONSEQUENCES' PROMISE

The organisation that led the push for same-sex marriage has conducted itself in bad faith and reneged on its promise to the Australian people of 'no consequences', the Coalition for Marriage today.

"The Equality Campaign made its case to the Australian people on the basis that a change to the marriage law would have no consequences," Coalition for Marriage spokeswoman, Monica Doumit said today. "Their submission to the Ruddock Review has shown this to be a lie.

"They have belled the cat. And now we can see the full extent of their agenda to wind back fundamental freedoms.

"It's disappointing, but unsurprising that they waited until the day submissions for the Ruddock Review closed before showing their true colours."

During the plebiscite campaign, Prime Minister Turnbull said: "I just want to reassure Australians that as strongly as I believe in the right of same-sex couples to marry, even more strongly, if you like, do I believe in religious freedom."<sup>1</sup>

"It now rests with Prime Minister Turnbull and every single one of the MPs who said gay marriage would not threaten religious freedom to ensure that protections for religious freedom are strengthened.

"Malcolm Turnbull and Bill Shorten now owe it to all Australians to spell out how they intend to protect religious freedoms in the face of a strengthened and emboldened radical LGBTI lobby that is seeking to undermine Australians' fundamental freedoms."

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-15/malcolm-turnbull-rejects-john-howard-same-sex-marriage-criticism/8949494>