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NACLC welcomes Federal Government announcement that changes to RDA are 'off the table'

The National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) joins the many human rights organisations, Community Legal Centres (CLCs) and community leaders in welcoming the Federal Government's decision not to amend section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth)(RDA).

NACLC commends the work done by many CLCs across Australia in constructively engaging with the process and drawing on their experiences in assisting the most vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community in opposing the proposed changes.

In the [NACLC endorsed submission, by Kingsford Legal Centre](#), it was highlighted that the RDA strikes an appropriate balance between the right to freedom of speech and freedom from racial vilification and should not be amended in the way proposed.

'NACLC commends the Prime Minister for making his 'leadership call' and ensuring that the important protections against offending, insulting or humiliating someone remains intact' said Michael Smith, National Convenor.

'The decision also supports the education work that Community Legal Centres undertake every day that teaches communities across Australia about human rights, legal responsibilities and equality under the rule of law', concluded Mr Smith.

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