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Launceston lesbian Jess Hoyle can bring a women-only drag show case to the High Court

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No penises please: Lesbian who wants to ban trans women and men from their public parties comes under fire – but she fires back: 'It's humiliating when someone is told to include someone with adk'**

- Lesbians in litigation over same-sex events excluding men and trans women
- Launceston woman Jess Hoyle says biological women need their own events
- Anti-discrimination officer stopped Jess Hoyle's only lesbian events
- The case is now before the Tasmanian tribunal and Ms Hoyle is preparing to go to the High Court

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A lesbian who wants to ban anyone with “penis” from attending her drag events has vowed to take her fight against the anti-discrimination regulator to the Supreme Court.

Jess Hoyle wants to host lesbian-only drag nights in her Tasmanian hometown of Launceston, but refuses to welcome transgender women or men.

The state anti-discrimination commissioner stepped in when Ms Hoyle requested an exception, saying there was a “significant risk” she would break the law.

Ms Hoyle, 34, said it was important that lesbian women have their own spaces and that gay men do the same.

“There were queer events but they were mixed and a lot of lesbians didn’t like going there because it was a breeding ground for straight men,” she told the Daily Mail Australia.

“Because of self-identification laws, we have to take in biological males who think they might be something else, and that’s really not that fair. It wasn’t safe for same-sex dressed women.

“Lesbians have lost all their spaces.”





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In denying the exemption, Tasmania Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Sarah Bolt argued it would be “insulting, humiliating, intimidating, offensive” to require people to be biologically female.

Ms Bolt believed Ms Hoyle’s request went further than other state exemptions by “requiring people to provide confidential information about their bodies in order to gain access to the proposed events”.

Mrs Hoyle blasted the Commissioner’s arguments.

“I find it humiliating when lesbians are told they need to include someone with ad**k,” she said.

“That’s fine, if he wants to be transgender, that’s fine. But at the end of the day, trans women are trans women, so men.”

She denied that she would look into any pants to find out who the trans women were.

“You can kind of tell just by looking at them. You can tell by their voice by their walk, you can look at their hips and you know they’re a man,” she said.

“We’re programmed to search for biological sex, we’re not programmed to search for made-up gender identities.

“LGB is same-sex dressed. Why would I want a guy? They can have their events, I can have mine.

“Why should we be teased out of who we are? If you’re trans, fine for you, but don’t force it on me.

The trans advocacy group Transforming Tasmania argues that the events proposed by Ms Hoyle are discriminatory and say they deny the existence of trans women.

Ms Hoyle’s case is before the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Court, which has a November deadline to make a decision.

Anna Kerr, of the Feminist Legal Clinic, representing Ms Hoyle, said the tribunal could rule that lesbians are an disadvantaged group to benefit from discrimination against biological males.

However, it could also show that Tasmania’s laws are not compatible with Commonwealth sex discrimination laws, but this would require a High Court challenge to prove.

“This could yet become a test case on this important issue,” Ms Kerr told the Daily Telegraph.

If the verdict is unsuccessful, Ms Hoyle is ready to take the case to the High Court and has already raised \$3,000 in legal costs.





Ms Hoyle (pictured left) at a protest against trans women participating in women's sporting events

"This isn't about hate, this is about sitting down and having a conversation about what our rights are, what fundamental rights and fundamental demands are," she said.

"What I'm seeing are demands from biological men to get into lesbian spaces and lesbian dating apps and to gas a majority of same-sex attracted women.

"This is not good and we need to set up spaces that are suitable for transgender and gender-balanced people.

"That means they have their own dating apps, their own rooms and their own events."

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