COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROTESTS GRANT TO CAMP

The NSW Council of Churches has vigorously protested to the Prime Minister's Dept. over a grant of $4,000 to CAMP (NSW) to conduct seminars on homosexuality.

The Council passed a resolution which stated: "CAMP is in our view not just against discrimination. It has a much more serious purpose of undermining traditional attitudes to sexuality in Australian society, including even acceptance by society of marriages and adoptions by people of the same sex living together."

"It is our view that the Prime Minister's Dept. should not regard these purposes as coming within the scope of educational grants for International Women's Year, and we regard such a grant as an act of discrimination against traditional and Christian morality as held by most Australians".

NSW Council of Churches secretary, the Rev. Bernard Judd said today: "The Council is not, of course, in favour of any kind of discrimination, but it regards CAMP as existing to change community attitudes rather than reflect them."

"The attitude of CAMP towards Australian sexuality is really that of anarchy."

NB An invitation to Bernard Judd to come to the Seminar was not answered and he was not present.