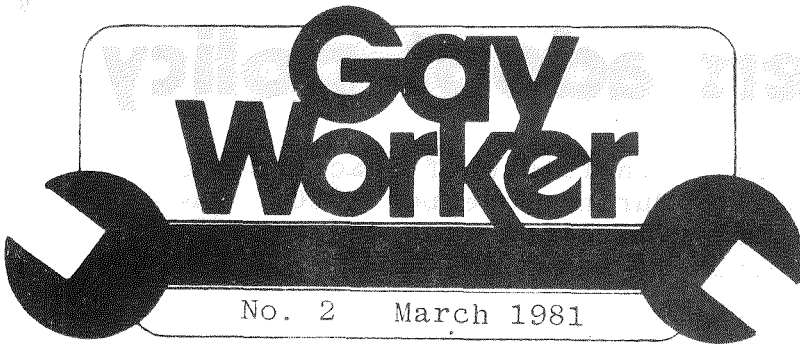


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NSW Labor Council supports gay rights

Homosexual rights took a giant step forward in October when the NSW Labor Council decided to support law reform on homosexuality.

Council secretary Barrie Unsworth gave the Executive's support to the motion. The motion was carried without opposition.

Unsworth's support for the motion is significant in that he is a leading moderate in the trade union movement.

In speaking to the motion, Unsworth said that homosexuals suffered discrimination in employment, an area of particular interest to the trade union movement. He said that while homosexuals were a minority, they were members of many unions.

"Over the years there have been many cases of members being discriminated against for all manner of things, sexuality being one of them. This has been a matter of concern to the trade union movement for some time", Unsworth said.

Craig Johnston, a gay delegate to the Labor Council, stated that the Labor Council stand was "a tremendous step forward for homosexual rights in NSW. This means that the most important union body in NSW, and the largest state branch of the ACTU, supports homosexual law reform. We hope this will have a significant impact on the actions of the Wran government in NSW."

Craig said: "Union leaders passing motions in support of homosexual law reform is only a first step. Now we need all unionists to support the cause of homosexual liberation, both on the job and in the community as a whole."

POLICY OF THE NSW LABOR COUNCIL

Recognising that: -

- 1. Homosexual people do not enjoy equality before the law in New South Wales;*
- 2. Enforcement and interpretation of the law discriminates against homosexual people in this State;*
- 3. There is a need for positive government action to promote and ensure equality for homosexual people;*
- 4. In particular, lesbian and male homosexual teachers suffer widespread discrimination and continual fear in their employment.*

The Labor Council of New South Wales urges the Government and Parliament of New South Wales to: -

- 1. Repeal those sections of the law which discriminate against homosexual behaviour;*
- 2. Extend the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination Act to homosexuality.*

SA Teachers adopt policy

The South Australian Institute of Teachers adopted an anti-discrimination policy during November 1980. The policy relates to many forms of discrimination, including discrimination on the grounds of sexuality.

The policy also recognises that gays have a "valid part to play in the education of staff, students and parents about human sexuality." The right of homosexual teachers to teach such courses has come under attack from reactionary groups.

Teachers' unions in New South Wales and Victoria also have a good record of supporting the rights of their gay members.

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