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Government Policy MENTAL health in the wild fishing sector Australia wide is twice the Australian average according to Dr Tanya King who says it is a different kettle of fish dealing with mental health strategies for Australian fishers and farmers.

The Tasmanian Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995 and species-specific management plans have failed to recognise the value and importance of fishers who elect as their profession to catch state-owned living marine resources.

Management of state-owned living marine resources is being impaired by the non-recognition of fishers as an important management tool.

How many fishermen need to take their lives before the government will take notice?

While mental health issues in farming may be principally directed at mother nature, the issue of fishing mental health in wild fisheries is directly related to poor government policy and lacks responsibility in governance in state-owned living marine resources.

Lifeline 131 114 David Cannon, Falmouth. Anti-Discrimination Act IT IS bitterly disappointing that the state government refuses to stand up to those Canberra politicians who want to weaken our state's gold-standard anti-discrimination laws. The laws threatened by Canberra have helped return dignity to the many Tasmanians who are vulnerable to hate and stigma. In 1994, when Canberra intervened to override Tasmania's former anti-gay laws, the Liberal government loudly screamed "states rights".

Why isn't it doing the same now?

Why isn't it defending the right of Tasmanians to make our own human rights laws?

Clearly, it doesn't care about "states rights" at all. As in 1994, its interest is in giving free rein to bigotry against minorities.

Rodney Croome, Spreyton. Thank You LGH I WOULD like to say a big thank you to all the medical professionals who took care of me in the hospital recently, particularly in the cardiology unit.

Their care, teamwork and skills were so impressive and I am very grateful.

Camille Wimmer, Launceston. Middle East Crisis FOR once I find myself agreeing with Donald Trump's opinion that the US should not have been involved in the Middle East conflict, but that should include all members of the collusion of the willing, including Australia and the UK.

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However, having chosen to invade Iraq and other Middle East countries to now abandon the Kurds and leave them at the mercy of the Turks is unconscionable.

So what does our Prime Minister do?

He blames the Turks for accepting the invitation from the US to invade the Kurds, the former allies fighting against ISIS.

Talk about policy on the run.

A Carter, Mowbray. **Letter** guidelines Preference is given to **letters** submitted via examiner.com.au and of 150 words or less. **Letters** can be edited for space, clarity or legal reasons. Submissions should include the name and address of the author and a phone number. Only the suburb of the author will be published.

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