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Equality Commission statement: Lee v Ashers Baking Co Ltd

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland welcomes the judgement given today in Northern Ireland Court of Appeal in Belfast in the case of Lee v Ashers Bakery.

This case raised issues of public importance regarding the extent to which suppliers of goods and services can refuse service on grounds of sexual orientation, religious belief and political opinion.

The Court's decision confirms the legal responsibilities on all service providers not to discriminate against their customers on these grounds.

The Commission will consider the decision fully and issue a more detailed comment later.

- Read the [full judgement](#) (*pdf*) or the [summary](#)
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