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The Premier, Mr. Wran, has said that he will certainly provide a beach for people to sunbathe stark naked in company. It is likely that one of the Sydney Harbour beaches will be used in this way.

Mr. Wran has described as troglodytes people who are opposed to turning one of our harbourside beaches into a place for people to expose themselves. It is not the first time that Christians have been called names.

However, the Bible is quite clear in condemning lewdness. Exposure of the naked body to the general public is a form of sexual perversion. No-one, of course, objects to nakedness, or indeed to sunbathing unclad - apart from the danger of skin cancer - but our bodies in their sexual sense are for our spouses, and those who insist on displaying their bodies to other people are prompted by sexual impulses which are not directed aright. It is a perversion.

The clamour for a public beach for communal unclad bathing is an example of this. If a person wants to sunbathe privately there are immense stretches of beach on the N.S.W. coast where no-one would observe him but that sort of thing doesn't appeal to such people. Similarly, there are vast areas of bushland where, if a person wants to sunbathe, he may find a private nook in which to do it. But sunbathing in the bush on your own or isolated on a beach doesn't attract the lewd mind, it must be done in company; that is why it is a sexual perversion, because it is using sex beyond what sex is designed for, which is marriage.

The Premier describes as troglodytes people who are opposed to turning our Sydney harbourside into a lewd

display. Humanists have no standards outside their own judgment, but God has given mankind true standards in His word. His mind for human behaviour is written in holy scripture. This will be found to be right for God is the Creator of human nature, and Christians must maintain a firm witness that no-one - Christian or non-Christian - can disobey God's laws and get away with it. Sexual immorality may become less and less offensive to the general public as people become more and more used to it, but this doesn't make it any more right nor does it lessen the certain judgment which will flow to individual and community who disregard God's laws which are clearly written in scripture and endorsed in our own conscience.

Lewdness is horrid, and lewdness is constantly condemned in scripture. If we are lewd in our thoughts, conversation, or actions, God will judge us. We won't get away with it, either as individuals or as a community.

Why should the premier turn one of the beautiful beaches of our closely populated city into a lewd display. It is only a tiny fraction of the population of three million that want to display their completely naked body to other people in this way, why should the rest of us have to avoid that beach as we walk along the foreshores with our families, or keep at a distance as we sail in a dinghy on the harbour or chug along in a motor boat. Sexual perversion is horrid and the sight of it will ruin a day by the harbour, especially if our family is with us.

Mr. Wran calls us troglodytes. Are you one? If so, join with me in writing to your local member in the State Parliament and ask him to oppose the turning of one of our Sydney beaches into such a place as is proposed.

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