



## The Burning Bush - Online article archive

### Israel Folau under attack for his witness against sodomite perversions!

The following information about Mr Israel Folau is taken from the Wikipedia site.

*"Israel Folau (Tongan: Isileli Folau; born 3 April 1989) is an Australian professional rugby union player who most recently played for the New South Wales Waratahs in Super Rugby. He has previously played professional rugby league and Australian rules football. In 2019, he became the record holder for most tries scored in Super Rugby history.*

*Folau's statements regarding marriage, homosexuality and transgender issues brought him into conflict with the administrators of Rugby Australia (RA), and in 2019 they terminated his contract. Folau has appealed the termination to the Fair Work Commission.*

*Raised a Mormon, Folau converted to the Assemblies of God Pentecostal church as an adult. In 2017, he dissented from Rugby Australia's announcement of support for the 'Yes' case in the national plebiscite on same-sex marriage, and later expressed the Pentecostal view that gay people should repent or face Hell, earning a rebuke from Rugby Australia. Signed soon after by RA to a four-year contract, Folau shared a similar biblical quote before Easter 2019. Rugby Australia alleged that this constituted a "high level" breach of its "inclusiveness" commitment and announced an intention to sack him. The matter was considered in a disciplinary hearing and his contract with Rugby Australia was terminated."*

Mr Folau, as is stated, is a Pentecostal Christian. I know very little more about the man. However, I believe that what he says on the matter of the wicked perversions promoted extensively by governments and organisations of every kind and nation, is Biblical. For that reason he is to be honoured for his stand and his willingness to sacrifice and bear reproach for the truth of God on this subject.

For that reason we reproduce an example of the attacks he has been suffering at the hands of the ungodly press in Australia and further abroad. This article is taken from the Australian "Daily Telegraph" of June 17th, 2019.

Not all in the Australian media have been critical. Earlier I mounted an article, "Australian rugby player sacked for expressing his Christian views publicly", which contained a video featuring a defence of Mr Folau and strong criticism of the rugby authorities which had acted against him. The pressman was Alan Jones of Sky News, Australia. You can view it amongst the items mounted in our April edition by scanning down.

Here is an example of the sort of attack this man has been enduring as a result of his stand against the sodomite perversions of today. The cuttings below were sent to me by an Australian friend and supporter of 'The Burning Bush'. Mr Folau is to be honoured and also supported in prayer.

Ivan Foster.

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**EXCLUSIVE**  
**Phonics tests for students**  
 NA CALDWELL  
 JACK HOUGHTON

STUDENTS in grade one will undergo a phonics screening test under a trial funded in tomorrow's state Budget. Schools will be able to opt in to the standardised testing of students' understanding of linking letters to sounds. The results of the test, rejected in other states, will put teachers and students under the microscope, identifying those who need extra help with reading. News of the testing comes as a productivity Commission report has revealed students were jobless and saddled with debt under the Gillard government received university placements and granted some students degrees they were ill-prepared for because of poor literacy and numeracy skills. FULL REPORT PAGES 6-7

**EXCLUSIVE**  
**Exercise to ease chronic pain away**  
 JONATHAN DUNLEVY

DOCTORS will be re-educated about pain, told to stop prescribing drugs such as opioids and instead start ordering exercise and psychological management strategies. Millions of chronic pain sufferers will also gain access to Medicare-funded medical group services to help them manage their condition. The first national pain strategy, launched today and funded by the federal government, calls for a national one-stop website to educate people on how to manage pain without drugs. There is a screaming need because pain is a significant burden on the economy, society and the health system. Pain Australia CEO

Israel Folau preaches at The Truth of Jesus Christ Church in Kenthurst yesterday.

**FOLAU MOUTHED**

**IZZY'S NEW GAY RANT**

**Same sex marriage and transgender kids targeted**

**MITCHELL VAN HORNIGH**

ISRAEL Folau intensified his attack on homosexuals and took aim at youth undergoing gender treatment during a sermon at his Sydney church yesterday. Folau claimed homosexuality and gender fluidity is what the "devil is trying to instil in the world". At The Truth of Jesus Christ Church in Kenthurst in northwest Sydney, a month after being sacked by Rugby Australia, Folau also spoke against gay marriage. "They (some churches) say that a man and man should be able to be married and there is nothing wrong with it. This buys into the theme of pleasing man rather than pleasing God and standing up for the truth." FULL REPORT PAGES 10-11



## MORE PSALM THAN GOOD



**“They are allowing young kids in primary school to change their gender.**  
Israel Folau in church yesterday



**“(Some churches) say a man and man should be able to be married and there is nothing wrong with it.**



**“The work of sin, homosexuality, is in disguise to try and take over within this world.**  
Folau repeats the comments of a speaker at a Christian function



**“Are we too scared because we might be cast out by our workplace ... because we're not liked or loved?”**

### MITCHELL VAN NOMBRIH

**EMBRATTLED** former rugby star Israel Folau intensified his attack on homosexuals and criticised youths undergoing gender treatment during a sermon at his Sydney church yesterday.

Folau claimed homosexuality and gender fluidity is what the "devil is trying to instil in the world". It comes just a few weeks after Rugby Australia ripped up his \$5 million

contract over a social media post in which he referenced the Bible to tell homosexuals that "hell awaits". Speaking at The Truth of Jesus Christ Church in Kenhurst, in northwest Sydney, the 30-year-old spoke about an event he recently attended in Melbourne, where a person in parliament spoke about the gender fluidity legislation, among other issues, that was being debated.

He spoke about nine points, one of the points ... he is talking about the work of the sin, homosexuality, is in disguise to try and take over within this world," he said. "You see in today's youths and everything, they are allowing young kids in primary school to be able to have the permission to change their gender if they want by taking away the permission of their parents. Now they are trying to take control as a government to make those decisions

for young kids who are basically 16 years old or younger, they don't even know what they are doing. "This is what the devil is trying to do, to instil into the government, into this world, into society, and it is slowly happening. The sad thing is why a lot of people out there that are non-Christians say bad things about the church, is because a lot of the churches allow those things to happen. "They say that a man and a

man should be able to be married and there is nothing wrong with it. This boys into the theme of pleasing man rather than pleasing God and standing up for the truth." Appearing before the congregation at his father's church, Folau also levelled criticism at the structure of modern-day Westernised churches. He told worshippers that officials of such churches were in the job for the wrong reasons.

"You see the modern day, the westernised church today, a lot of the pastors and the leaders within that church they do things to please whoever is the head pastor," the former Wallaby said. "They do things to climb the ladder. That's what they do, because they are scared of what he thinks, or what the congregation thinks or what anyone thinks, rather than what is pleasing to God." Folau was presented with a

book from the Australian Christian Lobby last week containing the names of 46,000 people who had signed a #StandWithLazzy petition after his unceremonious sacking by Rugby Australia. During his 20-minute address Folau spoke about how his faith had created awkward moments with colleagues. "True believers in Christ, are we going to follow through and profess him

wherever we go," he said. "Whether ... through our actions or by our mouth. Are we too scared because we might be cast out by our workplace or cast out of somewhere because we're not liked or loved by those around us and don't believe the same thing we do? "You might be the only born-again Christian in that workplace, you might feel a bit awkward with your co-workers because they are in

the world and you're not. We should feel blessed ... because God has called us." Since being stood down Folau's former Waratahs teammates have said his controversial social media posts derailed their season. "It's something that's distracted us from our goal," halfback Nick Phipps said. Folau has lodged a legal challenge over his sacking from rugby, citing the Fair Work Act, which says it is

"unlawful to terminate employment on the basis of religion". He is seeking millions in damages, and he and Rugby Australia have been ordered by the Fair Work Commission to sit down to try and resolve their dispute. Fair Work Commission vice-president Adam Hatcher ruled the case be set down for conciliation on June 28. Both parties will now have to come together to resolve the matter or it will proceed to a hearing.