

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern with the possibility of well intended decisions unfortunately leading to faith-based schools becoming persecuted.

I specifically refer to the Sex Discrimination Amendment (Removing Discrimination Against Students Bill 2018).

The intent of course is to prevent some students from being discriminated against, however I believe the proposal will greatly interfere with the ability of the faith-based school to operate in accordance with their beliefs.

It is a basic human right, recognised internationally, that parents should be able to educate their children in accordance with their religious beliefs.

The Government, as well meaning as it may be, must not be allowed to interfere with this freedom.

Almost 70% of Australians identify with a religion, and if changes are made it should benefit the majority of Australians by providing freedom of religion, not restricting their human rights.

I firmly believe that faith-based schools must be free to operate in accordance with their principles.

Thank you very much for your time in consideration of my correspondence.

Sincerely

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