

Dear Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee members,

RE: Sex Discrimination Amendment (Removing Discrimination Against Students) Bill 2018

I do not believe the ramifications on Religious Liberty have been adequately considered in this proposed Bill. Forcing one to go against their conscience will not breed the harmony among Australia's diverse community that this Bill seeks to achieve. It will, rather, breed contempt, resentment and hostility which leads to a fragmented society. Australia is the most successful multicultural society in the world, not because of a forced group identity but because difference views are tolerated respectfully.

It is yet to be demonstrated that there is a sexual discrimination problem among the private educational sector but, to the contrary, these institutions have shown leniency and compassion while still maintaining their particular standards. Forcing educational institutions to adopt a stance that is against their ethos will risk an existential crisis in a significant sector of Australia's educational system. This will not be a good outcome for anybody. I, therefore, ask the members not to support this bill.

Sincerely,

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