

Hon Senators.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a simple submission. The Senate's committees do a valuable service to Australian citizens.

The faith based educational institutions I know do not wish to exclude pupils or indeed teachers on the basis of faith or other differences.

Nor would they wish to vilify a person having different beliefs to that of the institution.

Institutions need to be able to teach their beliefs & philosophy without fear of litigation, including vexatious litigation, from serial objectors who can take them to various state based tribunals at no cost to the complainant but full legal cost to the educational institution.

Obvious examples include the teaching that marriage is between a man & woman or that gender is essentially biological, or that long age creation is an alternative to Darwinian evolution. To restrict free inquiry is a damaging to any educational institution & will eventually obscure the emergence of truth.

With thanks.

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