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Dear Australian Law Reform Commission,

It is my pleasure to share some of insights about this topic.

We all know that people are different from animals because people have logics and morals.

It is our fundamental right that people should have the freedom of religion. Our religious children and friends should have the right to choose to study or work in religious schools accordingly.

If your proposed change is enacted into law, as is the intent, it would likely severely restrict Christian, Jewish and other religious schools from employing people that hold the same beliefs. This would be a dramatic departure from how faith-based schools have always operated, which may force many schools to close. Since faith is foundational to the very culture of faithbased schools, to remove the freedom of the school to employ people of likeminded faith, would jeopardize the operations of the schools.

Please help the struggling faith-based schools to keep operating for the sake of our children and friedns.

The funding parties can build more non-religious schools to accommodate non-religious students and staff.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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