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**Anti Discrimination Law** 

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Please Protect Religious Schools

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## Dear ALRC Members.

I am writing today as I am extremely concerned about the new proposed changes to the law concerning religious schools. Religious education has been well received in Australia over the years. Non-religious as well as religious children have attended these schools ever since the first setters arrived on our shores 235 years ago. Religious schools have worked well over the years and have saved the government millions of dollars on education costs, as these days non-religious and religious parents pay high fees when they choose to send their children to these schools. It makes no senses at all to change something that is already working well.

It is the inalienable human right of everyone to have freedom of belief— whether that be religious or non religious. This must be protected above everything else.

Please protect religious schools so that they are allowed to continue to operate according to their doctrines, tenets and beliefs, and so that they can continue to be of good service to the children of our society now and in the future.

Thank you
Yours sincerely
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