I am very concerned by the anti-discrimination proposals in the ALRC consultation paper.

The ALRC exceeded the scope of the brief given it by the Attorney-General to reach balanced outcomes.

The proposals fail to provide real protections for religious schools to effectively operate and teach according to their beliefs without risking litigation any time they select a teacher who professes the same religion as the school when there were candidates with other or non-religious beliefs or values.

These proposal would introduce unnecessary and unreasonable restrictions on the freedom of religious schools to give effect to the international human right of parents to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions.

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