

I fail to understand that a third party - the Government – should direct the policy of the first parties primarily responsible for the care and education of their children. Parents have children and – whether they accept it or not – are responsible for the quality and content of their education. For a Government to assume this authority establishes a dictatorship, contrary to democracy and common sense.

Private schools – educating almost one half of the nations' students – exist largely because parents are not satisfied with the care and standards of public/state schools. The power grab that is evident in these new proposals is not only extraordinarily offensive but carries breath-taking hubris. How does a Government which was elected to give transparent equality to everyone contemplate this? Why must all students be forced to conform to the same set of narrow rules? Are you not concerned with preparing all students for all future challenges which they will encounter? The Government may wish the homosexual/lesbian community to rule the world but that will not prepare Australia to face the world when the challenges of a falling birth rate start to ravage the economy. Wake up!