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I uphold that it is a parent's responsibility to take ownership and accountability over their child's upbringing, discipline, welfare and education. The current collapse of juvenile law and order in remote parts of NT, WA and Qld is but just one demonstration of the consequence of the collapse of that parental responsibility

Spiritually orientated parents, from whatever faith or philosophy, expect to have control and ownership of the child's exposure to the world, not the least of which is the school.

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The popularity on non-government schools, not necessarily elitist or exclusive, in Australia, shows the strength of this parental preference. The introduction of the proposed changes to the SDA overrides these parental right and preference by the state.

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The current national experience of the consequences of gender identity "treatments", itself a consequence of the more liberal attitude adopted to gender identity. The presentation and discussion of these attitudes to adolescents is needed but in a disciplined and professional manner. The proposed changes to the SDA go in the opposite direction.

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The current format of the SDA gives the parents who want it ownership of their child's upbringing and exposure. Likewise it also provides an alternative structure if parents do not need that hands on approach to the child's exposure at school. The consequences of the proposed changes remove that choice.