

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the laws regarding religious schools and education and our right to choose the education we want for ourselves and our children. Our religious schools should have the right to employ and or accept students according to their religious beliefs and values.

This new law is allowed will deny religious schools, and Australian parents, the right to choose the worldview framework for the education of their children. It is a human right of everyone to have freedom of belief— whether that be religious or non-religious. This, right must be protected above everything else. The right to choose is part of our right as an Australian

Religious schools have saved the government millions of dollars in education costs, due to the parents, both non-religious and religious being willing to pay high fees to be able to choose where to send their children to receive the best possible education based on the children's needs and in many instances their religious beliefs.

I trust the rights of all to make their own decisions based on their religious beliefs will not be thrown away and good values destroyed for no real positive reason.

Regards, Jill Lyons