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Greetings,

The vast majority not Australian people have religious belief. Some religious people are serious about passing on their beliefs to their children. These people put time, effort and money into establishing and maintaining religious schools.

To weaken and destroy these schools by forcing them to adopt practices which are inconsistent with their faith, is to distance people of faith from the mainstream life of Australia.

People of Faith will not abandon their Faith. They will seek other means of passing on their beliefs to the next generation. Many families will bypass schools and turn to home schooling. Many families will join out of school hours programs for faith development.

If Religious schools cannot pass on their religious beliefs, there is no reason for them to exist. Religious organisations will close their schools.

The government will have to educate tens of thousands more students. Religious people will put their time and money into other means of passing on their beliefs.

Your Commission can recommend the weakening, and ultimate removal, of religious schools. No Government Commission can eradicate religious belief. Thousands of years of history, and observation of the world as it exists today, testifies to that reality.

Kind regards

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