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To: [House of Assembly - GAA](#)
Subject: Concerns about the Inquiry on Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools
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Dear Tasmanian Government Administration Committee,

As a 56-year-old female who has attended a faith-based school and worked in a faith-based school in Somerset, I am deeply concerned about the potential implications of the current inquiry on discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools. It seems that this inquiry is turning into an attack on faith-based schools, which provide a nurturing and positive environment for children.

I worry that the focus on alleged discrimination and bullying in faith-based schools will result in recommendations for restrictions that unfairly target these institutions. It is essential to remember that 38% of all students in Tasmania attend private and faith-based schools, and these schools play a crucial role in the education system.

Furthermore, it is disheartening to see that the Parliament is seemingly ignoring the low literacy rates among students in favor of pursuing allegations of bullying. While addressing bullying is important, we must not overlook the fundamental educational needs of our students. Also, we must not overlook students who are being bullied in public schools as well, just as I was when I attended uni and when I was a child attending a public primary school that lasted until well after I started attending a public high school.

I urge the Tasmanian Government Administration Committee to consider the valuable contributions of faith-based schools to the education system and ensure that any recommendations from this inquiry are fair and balanced.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Carol-Ann Fletcher