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To: House of Assembly - GAA

Subject: Concerns about the inquiry into discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools

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Dear Tasmanian Government Administration Committee,

As a parent and former student of a faith-based school in Queenstown, I am deeply concerned about the direction that the inquiry into discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools is taking. It seems that faith-based schools are being unfairly targeted in this investigation, despite the fact that they provide a positive environment for students and are a choice for many families in Tasmania (38 • of all students attend private and faith-based schools).

Furthermore, I am troubled by the focus on alleged bullying in schools, when there are serious issues with low literacy rates among students that are being overlooked. It is important that all factors contributing to a safe and inclusive school environment are considered, not just a narrow focus on discrimination.

I urge the committee to reconsider its approach and ensure that faith-based schools are not unfairly vilified in the course of this inquiry. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely,

Trudy Archer