From:
To: House of Assembly - GAA

Subject: A school community of care and compassion

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Re: A school community of care and compassion

Dear Committee Secretary,

I was alarmed to hear of the high levels of bullying of Australian teenagers and especially in Tasmania. I have sent all my 5 children to a Christian school and all 17 grandchildren are attending or have attended a Christian School and I am thankful that these schools have been a safe space for all my children and grandchildren to learn and grow. Christian schools strive to be communities of care and compassion because we strive to follow the example of Jesus. In my experience they work hard to address bullying and have a strong culture of care and compassion for all students. The local Christian School of which I am a Board Member, have strong bullying policies to address these issues. I am asking the Committee to ensure that Christian schools can continue to provide the caring, nurturing environment that I have chosen for my children and experienced first hand.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Lichtendonk

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