



House of Assembly Government Administration Committee A
Inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools

MEDIA ADVISORY

**SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR INQUIRY INTO DISCRIMINATION AND BULLYING IN
TASMANIAN SCHOOLS**

Friday, 28 June 2024

On 12 June 2024 the House of Assembly made a referral to Government Administration Committee A on the topic of Discrimination and Bullying in School with the following Terms of Reference: -

- (a)* inquire into and report upon direct and indirect discrimination, prohibited conduct, unequal and disadvantageous treatment, bullying and harassment in Tasmanian schools in regard to students and staff;
- (b)* inquire into and report upon the measures necessary to prevent and remedy discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools in regard to students and staff;
- (c)* examine the obligations and duties of Tasmanian schools under the AntiDiscrimination Act 1998 and other relevant statutes and policies in regard to students and staff;
- (d)* examine and recommend what efforts are being made and should be made towards meeting those obligations by Tasmanian schools in regard to students and staff;
- (e)* examine what other legislative or policy reforms may be required to address discrimination and bullying in regard to students and staff;
- (f)* determine the impact of discrimination and bullying on student participation, retention and educational outcomes, and on staff recruitment, retention, workplace safety and career development;
- (g)* ensure appropriate public consultation is conducted on all matters;
- (h)* any other matter incidental; and
- (i)* that the Committee reports by 28 November 2024.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Friday, 26 July 2024**. The Committee is particularly interested in hearing from young people. An advertisement calling for submissions will be placed in the three regional newspapers on Saturday, 29 June 2024.

For further information about the inquiry please visit the inquiry website:
<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/house-of-assembly/standing-committees/government-administration-committee-a/inquiries/discrimination-and-bullying-in-tasmanian-schools>

Enquires and submissions should be directed to: -

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