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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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To the Tasmanian Government Administration Committee,

As a 76-year-old woman who has spent my career working in a faith-based school in New Zealand & Devonport, Tas, I am deeply concerned about the direction of the current inquiry into discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools. It seems that this inquiry is turning into an attack on faith-based schools, which provide a positive and nurturing environment for so many children in our community.

With 38% of all students in Tasmania attending private and faith-based schools, it is clear that these schools play a vital role in our education system. Rather than focusing on the important issue of low literacy rates among students, it appears that Parliament is choosing to target faith-based schools in a misguided attempt to address alleged bullying. I urge the Committee to consider the valuable contributions that faith-based schools make to our students' education and well-being. Vilifying these schools will only serve to harm the children who benefit from their supportive and inclusive environments. Sincerely,

Vivien Davies Sent from Android device