From: To:

House of Assembly - GAA

Subject: Concerns about the impact of inquiry on faith-based schools in Tasmania

Date: Monday, 29 July 2024 7:19:25 PM

Dear Tasmanian Government Administration Committee,

I am writing to express my concerns about the ongoing inquiry into discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools. As someone who attended a faith-based school myself and has had family members attend a faith-based school, I am worried that this inquiry may turn into an attack on these institutions.

It is important to note that 38% of all students in Tasmania go to private and faith-based schools. These schools provide a positive environment for children to learn and grow, and it is unfair to vilify them based on the actions of a few.

I urge the committee to consider the impact that any recommendations may have on faithbased schools and to ensure that these institutions are not unfairly targeted in the name of combating discrimination and bullying.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

David Oudman

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