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To: House of Assembly - GAA

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

Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024 5:18:55 PM

Dear Tasmanian Government Administration Committee,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the inquiry into discrimination and bullying in Tasmanian schools. As someone who has attended a faith-based school and whose family members currently attend one, I fear that this inquiry may turn into an attack on faith-based schools. It is important to note that 38% of all students in Tasmania attend private and faith-based schools, and these schools provide a positive environment for kids.

I am also troubled by the fact that Parliament seems to be focusing on allegations of bullying while ignoring the low literacy rates among students. It is crucial that the inquiry takes a balanced approach and considers all factors affecting the well-being of students.

I urge the Committee to take into account the valuable contributions of faith-based schools in promoting academic excellence and fostering a supportive community for students. Vilifying these schools would not only be unjust, but it could also harm the educational opportunities available to many Tasmanian children.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Yours sincerely, Rohan Reading Taree, Tasmania

Kind regards, Rohan Reading