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**SUBMISSION TO SENATE INQUIRY INTO ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

At my high school recently, we completed a long series of "issue based" oral presentations.

One of the students completed their oral presentation on the apology to the stolen generation.

When the teacher was asked what she thought about the apology and why it hadn't happened before she responded saying,

QUOTE:" John Howard didn't apologise to the stolen generation because he is a Conservative Old Fart and now Kevin Rudd's popularity is soaring!"

Her political views are being portrayed loud and clear to our class! Her views offended me and made me seriously question her professionalism!

I have no problem with teachers having their own opinion, but when that clouds their judgment then that's a real problem.