



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Note from committee secretariat**

Approximately 46 submissions were received that were identical or substantially similar to the attached form letter.

The committee therefore agreed to publish one example of this form letter, along with a cover note setting out the approximate number of submissions received.

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Dear members of the committee,

When homosexual “marriage” legislation was passed in 2017 and when all amendments to protect religious freedom were rejected, the Australian people were instead promised a review to inquire into ways to protect their religious freedom.

The recommendations of this review have now been released and Number 7 states that religious schools should have the right to protect their ethos by retaining the power to discriminate against students who seek to undermine that ethos by engaging in homosexual activity.

This certainly seems like a sensible and necessary way to protect religious freedom - namely to uphold the right of parents to choose a school which is free to teach and police a faith of their choice.

But this bill now seeks to overturn this recommendation and instead change Federal discrimination law to take this freedom completely away from religious schools!

I find it disgraceful and underhand that the Australian public has consistently been promised by supporters of homosexual “marriage” that religious freedom will be protected, but at every subsequent turn more and more religious freedoms are taken away - with this bill being the latest example.

That is why I am writing to ask the committee to strongly urge the parliament to vote against this bill and uphold the recommendations of the Religious Freedom Review instead.

Yours sincerely,