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The Secretary - Mr. James Rees,  
Inquiry Into the Education of Boys,  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education  
& Training,  
Suite R1 106,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Members,

## Supplementary Submission on Education of Boys

1. Please refer to the submission and all the information we provided to this Inquiry during the last Parliament, including the recording of our oral submission and the photocopies of the overheads we showed to illustrate the detrimental effects of feminist ideology on the education of boys.

2. An additional point we wish to make deals with the epidemic of youth suicide, (see enclosure) which is generally connected to the poor educational performance of boys and their unemployment levels, but even more to the absence of solid relationships with their fathers. The recommendations below may not come within the control of the Minister for Education, nevertheless they should be considered as they impact heavily on the educational achievement of boys.

(a) Affirmative Action policies favouring women should be immediately abolished so that men and women are on a level playing field when applying for jobs or promotions.

(b) The Office of the Status of Women should be abolished unless there is a similar Office for the Status of Men

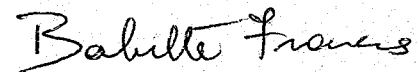
(c) There should be more justice in Family Law Court decisions - custody of children almost invariably is given to the mother, and while the Child Support Agency follows and penalises fathers who do not pay child support, mothers who violate access orders are not penalised. Many fathers are deprived of access to their children, and this has a particularly detrimental effect on the education of boys..

3. There should be serious consideration given to single-sex education. Boys in single-sex schools perform better than those in co-education. In May 2002 there was a reassessment of policies that discourage single-sex classes and schools in the US. The 1972 Title IX Amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act prohibited discrimination on the basis of sex and since then feminist ideologues have lectured everyone incessantly about how children should not be raised with sex stereotypes. However the Bush administration Education Department has released a notice of intent to require schools to offer single-sex classes if teachers, parents and administrators think students will benefit.

An article in The Australian, April 10, 2002, suggests Australian boys could also benefit from single-sex classes.

4. We would appreciate an opportunity of making an oral submission at any public hearings in Melbourne.

Yours sincerely,



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