

To whom it may concern

I heard today that the federal government has a Bill before parliament at the moment that has a few issues that I feel are potentially troublesome for the independence of schools, as well as potentially discouraging parents and school communities from giving to their schools, or punishing the school for being a recipient of a gift.

I worry that it doesn't recognise the right of schools to decide upon their own curriculum, and to innovate and develop special, school specific learning programs

I also worry that the Bill hinders community contributions to schools, or cuts the funding of schools when they receive gifts or donations.

Please think of the smaller private schools

Yours sincerely Jono Burns