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To: Policy AGD
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To the Director of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice,

I am writing in response to the suggestion of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice to remove section 37A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1993. This action will remove any control Christian Schools have in employing only Christian teachers to teach in their schools.

As a Christian parent it is very important to me that I have the ability to send my children to a Christian school that I know will support the values and beliefs that I hold true. Removing section 37A removes a school's control in employing staff who agree and adhere to the school's Christian belief, faith and lifestyle. Employing staff who are at odds with the ethos, values and philosophy of the school weakens the schools Christian integrity and authenticity. As a parent I would no longer have faith that every staff member who influences my child holds the same values and ethics that I have. In fact they may have the exact opposite values and ethics and until my children are of

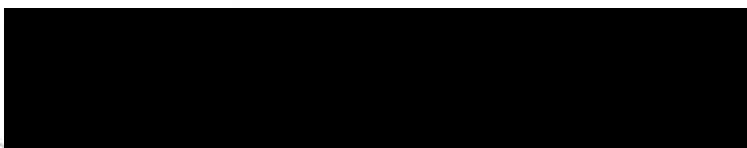
an age and developmental stage to discern for themselves, I would like the freedom to send them to a school that I believe upholds the values that I consider truth.

I believe that as a parent it is my duty to guide my children in the way that I believe is truth, until such a time as they make their own life choices.

Removing section 37A from the act removes the integrity of Christian schooling and therefore removes the option of Christian schooling for my children.

While I am all for ensuring our laws and legalisation are fair and just, I don't believe removing section 37A is fair and just for those of a Christian faith. I am therefore asking that section 37A remains in the Act.

Sincerely,

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