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Hello,

I am a Christian parent and I want to comment on changes that are being suggested to be made to the Anti-Discrimination Act.

I am particularly concerned about changes that are being proposed to the current exemptions that apply to religious organisations and I want to state that I do not want any changes made to this section of the Act.

As a Christian, it is one of my fundamental human rights to have the freedom to practice my religion. It is also my right as a parent to raise my children in said religion and make any decisions that I deem are appropriate for their spiritual and moral upbringing. Therefore, as a Christian parent, I have a right to choose a Christian education for my children.

That is the reason I chose [Redacted] as the school for my children. It is the only school in [Redacted] that offers a truly Christian education.

Given the prevalence of "political correctness" that is currently sweeping the nation I have enough to do explaining to my children why what is being accepted by the government and the majority of the country is against what we believe as Christians and what is in the Bible. I want to know that the place where my children spend a large majority of their formative years respects the values that I want my children raised in. Opening up that avenue to influences that I do not agree with or support takes away my rights as a parent to raise my children in the way that I see fit.

I want my rights as a Christian and as a parent protected and I want to know that the school I choose to send my children to supports my beliefs.

Parents who do not share our beliefs do not have to send their children to a Christian school, there are other schools available. Also teachers who do not share the beliefs of the school can be employed at other schools that share and/or support their beliefs.

The exemptions for Religious groups need to be retained so that Christians and Christian parents, in particular, can trust that a truly Christian education is available to their children.

I am also requesting that the outcomes of this consultation be totally transparent and available to the public.

I hope that my rights as a Christian parent and the rights of all other Christian parents are considered when you make your determination.

We deserve the right for our Christian schools to retain their distinctive character and that they are allowed to employ Christian teachers to support the goals and visions of NT Christian Schools.

Yours respectfully

