

Key Messages from the Faith Leaders' Letter to the Government on 13th February 2023

- Parents choose to send children to religious schools because they do not just impart intellectual knowledge but also function as communities of faith that shape a student's character through religious activities and staff who act as models of their faith.
- Faith-based schools in Australia have long been free to give preference to employing staff who share or who are willing to support its faith and beliefs. They do not seek the right to discriminate on the basis of a protected attribute, but simply to be able to employ staff who share or are willing to uphold the religious beliefs of the school.
- Faith leaders describe the Australian Law Reform Commission's recommendations as a major blow to faith-based education that would effectively take away their right to recruit, teach, and operate according to their religious beliefs and ethos.

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