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**INQUIRY INTO BULLYING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
PEOPLE**

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New Education Minister

Governor Macdonnell I am

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Dear Minister

Having read in the paper - New Herald Dec 21 2008 and on Monday Feb 16 2009 Daily Telegraph, I can only wonder, how can you, as minister, allow the appalling situation of bullying in our schools continue to go unchecked.

Yes, I know, it has been stated on a number of occasions "that there are pictures in place". These pictures are like pretty pictures hung on walls, they are in place, they don't do anything, they are merely ignored. They are for decoration purposes only, but they are in place! They are of no use to some poor child whose life and wellbeing is made intolerable where suicide is the only way out, or other drastic measures at present, the bullies are being protected by government policy, they know nothing will happen to them, sure, they get suspended,

a day or two off from school, maybe, with lots a whole week or better still, two weeks, great, off down to the shopping mall, skate-board park, chat rooms at home watching TV, down to the beach, life couldn't be better, "UTOPIA"! Unfortunately, you've got it all wrong. The Bully will not change under the present system, they will use it for all it is worth and they know that nothing will happen to them.

What should happen is this, the bully or anyone causing trouble in the school should be made aware that any action caused by them which is contrary to good order of the school will result in their position in the school being made vacant, in plain English:-

"This is your first and final warning, next time, you are being expelled."!!!

Principals should be given plenipotentiary powers to expel a student, and the action should be unappealable. Parents should be informed of impending action by certified mail, courier service or in some cases, by the hand delivery of the letter.

as trouble makers don't really want to be at school, or are only there

to cause trouble to other students and teachers, this privilege should be denied them.

If they wish to pursue an education they can do home study, they can attend their local T.V.E.E. and I'm sure the students there will keep them in order. They are not being denied an education, they are using an alternative life style. at present, you are protecting the bullies, thugs, and a great number of would be "anti-social terrorists".

Discipline is virtually non-existent in schools and here, don't tell me I'm wrong, because I'm not!!

Here in Coona, a quiet country town, there is something like 20 kids doing home study, one I know of has just been accepted into medicine at Sydney Uni.

another lives about 800 metres from the local high school and is doing well.

The wellbeing of all those in schools is your responsibility, so is their safety, and in many cases you and successive ministers and governments have abrogated your responsibility, like Pontius Pilate. (bowl of water and hand-towel, please)

We are told that schools are safe

places, when in fact in many schools they are not, and your refusal to acknowledge that fact,

obviously when we are told all the marvellous things which are happening in schools your brain in mind, "James Duce" and the talk of very select schools, when in fact there are schools which fall very short of all your expectations, really you can't see them from Governor Macconnachie's tower, but they do exist,

what happened to mt Druitt High or was it Doonside High?

The whole system needs a shake up. Start by expelling bullies and trouble makers and give teachers more support and power to deal with "Bolsheviks"

In my Macconnachie dictionary 1991 politician - the definition state - (there are four). 4 - "a seeker or holder of a public office who is more concerned to win favour or to retain power than to maintain principles"!

Yours Sincerely  
Ron H Harman

my letter to you from 8 09 - unanswered