INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PARENTAL RIGHTS) BILL 2020

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Dear Portfolio Committee No. 3

RE: Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill 2020

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my submission.

This will undoubtedly be a hotly contested topic area, given the confusion about what genderfluid actually means. The BBC in the UK has a school education video that teaches children there are more than 100 genders. On BBC Sunday Morning Live in the UK, Ferhan Khan stated there are 7 billion genders. On the Genderquake television program on Channel 4 in the UK, Phoenix claimed "I like to see gender as a spectrum, that I can live on where ever I feel like, and I wake up every single day, somewhere different on that spectrum [...] my gender is 70% female". The New York City Commission on Human Rights recognises at least 31 gender identities and gender expressions, that are protected under local anti-discrimination law.¹

Currently, there is a publicly available petition on Change.Org that was organised by Sam Guerra to "Prevent the Passing of the Education Legislation Amendment Bill in NSW". It says Sam Guerra is from Melbourne and wishes to gain 10,000 signatures on the petition.² I noticed many of those thousands of publicly displayed signatories on that petition are from Melbourne or from overseas, such as Beth Drury from Tallahassee Florida US, and Keon Lee from Central District Hong Kong.

I am unsure why people from overseas would want to bombard the NSW Parliament with email submissions. That would be undemocratic for NSW residents who personally elect the NSW Parliament, and that would be unfair for the NSW Parliament staff who have to read those foreign submissions. May I suggest only people who are NSW residents be allowed to lodge a submission on NSW Parliament Inquiries? NSW residents are easily verifiable by their NSW Driver Licence, their NSW Photo Card, their Opal Transport Concession Entitlement Card or by the NSW Electoral Role.

Thank you in advance for considering my suggestion to only accept submissions from NSW residents.

Yours faithfully

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¹ www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/law/legal-guidances-gender-identity-expression.page

 $^{^2} www.change.org/p/department-of-education-prevent-to-passing-of-education-legislation-amendment-bill-in-nsw/u/27508597$