

**Submission
No 79**

**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT (PARENTAL RIGHTS) BILL 2020**

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To Whom This May Concern,

Perhaps holding the lives of children in your hands was not what you wanted or expected from public office, but here we are. LGBTIQ+ kids -especially trans and nonbinary- kill themselves at an alarming rate. They're bashed and abused by their peers, mocked and rejected by adults, and they take it out on themselves. The only solution is to eradicate the ignorance and contempt that leads to the way they're treated.

You, personally, right now, have before you Latham's attempt to prevent anyone from acting to do so and saving these kids. This bill puts ideology over the actual lives of very real children.

Please, PLEASE reject it. It's time to put aside any personal views you may have regarding the acceptability or otherwise of gender diversity and just focus on saving these kids. The science all points to support as the only way to keep our young people alive long enough to find their feet in a complicated world. Allow us to support them. Reject this bill.

If you can save the life of just one child with the stroke of a pen, surely it's your duty to do so.

Please. Nuances can be dealt with later. Lives need to be saved **now**.

Reject Latham's bill.

Sincerely,

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