

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

Organisation: Family Watch International

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The Honorable Mark Latham
Chair, Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill 2020
Parliament New South Wales
Via Email

Members of the Committee,

Family Watch International is a nonprofit international educational organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. With members and supporters in 170 countries representing various cultures, faiths, and socioeconomic backgrounds, Family Watch works to disseminate research-based materials to help governments and responsible citizens worldwide to understand the implications of legislation and policy that will affect families.

We write to provide specialized knowledge that we believe will be of value to this committee's inquiry. We are attaching a report, "Re-Examining the Evidence for Comprehensive Sex Education in Schools: A Global Research Review" which was published in December 2019.

It examines 120 studies of school-based sex education contained in the reviews of research sponsored by three authoritative agencies: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the U.S. federal Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the global research on school-based comprehensive sex education by applying rigorous and meaningful criteria to outcomes of credible studies in order to identify evidence of real program effectiveness.

The study described in this report was published in a peer-reviewed journal. The citation is: Irene H. Ericksen & Stan E. Weed, "Re-Examining the Evidence for School-based Comprehensive Sex Education: A Global Research Review" *Issues in Law and Medicine* 34(2):161-182 (2019), <https://issuesinlawandmedicine.com/product/ericksen-re-examining-the-evidence-for-school-based-comprehensive-sex-education/>.

Thank you for your important work.

Sincerely,

Family Watch International