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Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee

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Submission regarding proposed Respectful Relationships

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I support this move but I hold deep concerns that this is a trojan horse for a "Safe Schools" type of curriculum.

I also fear that gender theories - namely those that demonise men, boys and masculinity - will be taught.

I note with some concern that "gender inequality" will be taught in Years 11 and 12. Both genders have their advantages and disadvantages.

Men might be less likely to be attacked walking alone at night, but they die younger, are more likely to be killed and assaulted, are more likely to get and die from cancer, are more likely to have their wife initiate divorce proceedings, and are three times more likely to commit suicide.

I would like to see a curriculum that teaches respect for everyone. As society evolves, young women are becoming more violent, more independent and more aggressive, to each other and towards men. Men are not completely innocent but it is not fair to teach in class theories that paint being male as a negative.

I find it abhorrent that violence is most often blamed on men when there is ample evidence - indeed proof - that women are violent too.

They are also guilty of online shaming and bullying of men and of sharing revenge porn. I will be watching the outcome of this inquiry with keen interest and I hope the wording of any classroom material is aimed at both genders, not just pushing radical feminist theories on impressionable minds.

Yours faithfully,

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