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Education, Tourism, Innovation and Small Business Committee Formal submission Re: Sex Education in Qld State Schools.

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To. Committee Members on Education

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Dear Sir/Ma'am. My wife and I are parents.

One child came home to us last year, and she told us, what she had just learnt at school. As her father, I just sat, and listened carefully. She told me about something that had been taught to her under the guise of Sex education in class. As our daughter told us what she had been taught, I must say, I remember sitting there thinking to myself: "My Goodness! This is quite an advanced thing to be teaching an eight year old girl."

So I asked my girl:

"So tell me Luv, HOW DO YOU FEEL about this? - About what you have been taught today?"

Do you know what she replied?

She said . . .

## " I AM SHOCKED ".

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- The exact words of our 8 year old daughter after coming out of one of your Sex Education lessons. I tell you the truth.

So let me ask you this: What are we supposed to be doing for our 8 - 11 year old children at school? Shocking them ?! Or simply teaching them the three R's ? I suggest - stick soley please to teaching children the three R's , and please LEAVE SEX EDUCATION to those, to whom it has primarily been entrusted to since birth;

- To THE PARENTS.

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Now, I recall as I sat there with our little girl,

I thought: Do not have a look of surprise or shock. Just be like - 'Oh yeah. Ho hum'. Be blase'.

Later on though, I kindly raised it with the Principal.

I am not 100% sure, (it's awhile ago now), but I think that our Principal told me afterwards that it was like an "experimental" class - to see how it would be accepted by year 3's . Sex education is taught usually to grades 5 and 6 only. At least, I think that is what the Principal told me.. But I left the Principal in no doubt, as to what our daughter had honestly come home and had told us:

In her own words . . .

" SHE WAS SHOCKED ".

I then asked our Principal:

Tell me : Today it is 'this' subject in Sex Education.

I mean, where is this all going?

Just how far does this all eventually go Ma'am?

May I say at this point: That our Principal, I hold in the highest of esteem. Really. She is terrific. But in this case, she was following the lead set to her from the Qld Education Dept. I knew that. But you know what? That does not help our little girl, who was being used as a guinea pig, and as a consequence, came home from school, not talking about, or remembering something that had been taught to her about the three R's. No. Rather, she had (regrettably) COME HOME SHOCKED BY SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN TAUGHT TO HER IN HER CLASS ROOM.

- This for responsible parents, such as us, is unconscionable, and is HIGHLY DISTURBING.

Now that was last year.

Today, we (my wife and I), we decided to write to you now because in last Sunday's Sunday Mail, a journalist wrote an article, advocating that our STATE SCHOOL CHILDREN, NEED TO BE TAUGHT ALL ABOUT ORAL SEX. Did you see that article, on page 28 of the July the 9th Sunday Mail? Ha, My GOD!

This is almost as shocking to myself and to my wife, as - how shocked our young daughter found herself last year at school. Ha. Really.

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In our school, \_\_\_\_\_\_, I feel it is somewhat indicative of pretty well most State Schools. Parents often fall into one of a few categories. As federal govt's are pushing for all parents to be working, so then, we have an increased number of parents, who a. Due to increased pressures, and often Single Parent families are just genuinely struggling to keep up with everything. Or,

- b. Some parents who have not got the neccessary time to share with their children due to commitments
- Sadly, and this shows in their children. In their 'scrubby' early morning uniforms, and in their children's lack of manners, demeanour, and general upbringing.

Then c. there are also, a minority of parents who,

- due to personal drug use past or present; or due to the lack of a sheltered and responsible parental upbringing model when they were younger, and so as a consequence, their parental model is somewhat fractured.

Now, add to the above mix, that many of these people, are to some extent "Leftist" in their political viewpoints. So then, you get stupid articles like the one mentioned above, when the journalist advocates for taking virtually all sexual education out of the hands of parents, and they advocate that parents, can now just sit back and relax, whilst our great "Nanny State" will now take care of it all for us.

Absurd.

There is one category that is missing above: There are still, a shrinking minority of parents like ourselves, who primarily see sex education taught within schools, as a hinderance, or an invasion. An infringement on our own personal liberties, as parents. We look on, to see governments snatching away our sovereign rites, purely because of the loud noise of those on the Left, who refuse to excercise their parental responsibilities, in teaching sexual morality to their own kids. You see, we are unashamedly old fashioned, yet not religiously fixated in anyway. No . WE SEE SEX EDUCATION AS AN INTEGRAL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, and not a weight, needing to be shaken off.

You see \*PERSONAL MORALS, SHOULD BE TAUGHT BY PARENTS. This is NOT, A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE.

And why do we personally feel, that this is an invasion, into our own sovereign rites as parents? Because, we believe, that caring parents, in steering and nurturing our children, we do this in our own way, and in our own pace; This, in matters as important as sexual education, so that we can personally 'shape' our own children.

Truly a wonderful thing

to enjoy. But this should

not be, the State's responsibility. This is the parents responsibility. Our daughter, as mentioned earlier, she is somewhat more sheltered, and probably more 'protected' than some children. We are proud of that. And each parent should be tailoring their moral teachings to fit each individual child.

There should never be a one size fits all in sex education. Why? Because all children are individual, and different.

Our daughter has some bible based principles interwoven into her upbringing, (though we do not actively attend any church ).

So now . You will start teaching our daughter about Oral Sex at school next year ? Then guess what ?

We are almost certainly going to have on our hands, one more shocked student on our hands

- Again! The low sink of debauchery - where this world is heading, should not be used as a half baked excuse to head down that same pathway ourselves, but all in the name, of "saving" our children. Folly!

Why? Well

Remember this:

That ONCE YOU ROB A CHILD OF THEIR INNOCENCE-BEWARE!!! FOR YOU DO THAT FOR LIFE.

You can never give innocence back to a young child, once you decide to snatch it from their young innocent heart.

What is wrong, with allowing, freedom of choice in Sexual Education? I mean. Would it be such a crime for my children to be able to be taught about sex - from their own parents?!!?

Frankly. My wife and I, we DO NOT WANT OUR CHILDREN, TO LEARN ABOUT SEX - FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

Why? Because OUR standards on sex, and education are not everyone else's standard on sex.

We do not want to abdicate our personal responsibilities in teaching sex education to others. We wish to morally, shape our own. And gladly. And we find it offensive, that you wish to steal our young girls innocence prematurely, andvagainst our wishes, and to shock our child. And that you wish to force a somewhat sheltered child, down a murky pathway - too soon, simply because many other parents, cannot, or will not, teach their own children about sex, whenever that will be.

Our children, should hear about Oral Sex, from their mother and from their own father. Why? Because, it is our right to do so.

And no one else's.

Too. We know best, how and when to do that - Thank - you very much.

If others wish to abdicate their own parental responsibilities, and to pass it all onto the "Nanny State" lazily? Well, that is well and good FOR THEM. We do not begrudge that.

But that is not for us thank - you.

And is not our way.

Just for the moment, our daughter currently fits the category of being a babe to badness. And WE as her parents. We reserve the exclusive right - that belongs to us, to take away that veil of innocence slowly, and at the time that we deem is right. And NOT in the State's unconsidered timetable for our child.

Please; Please. Do recognise in your deliberations, that there are still some relatively

conservative minded families still out here. Though we may often be shouted down, and are too often quiet.

We hope, that your findings will seek a reflection for us.

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