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CHILD ABUSE; FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Mr FELDMAN (Caboolture—ONP) (12.10 p.m.): Child abuse is a crime that invites universal condemnation whenever it is discussed—and rightly so, because our children are our future, and anything that abuses their ability to function within society must also be condemned. But how many suspect that child abuse can be introduced and spread within our school system by institutional methods, while politicians and parents are kept in the dark about these obscure methods? They can know nothing about it because the abuse is shrouded in the secrecy of the classroom. They are kept in the dark about these abuses being exercised against our very own children—that is until an article appears in the media that shocks and dismays parents to such an extent that they complain, and complain bitterly, to their local members, and their local members then become shocked, too.

This happened over the last weekend, when the Sunday Mail published a shocking article about an organisation calling itself the Family Planning Association which has been preaching and indoctrinating our children in schools into what can only be described as pornographic nonsense—yes, child abuse at its worst—promoted under the handy guise of teaching sex education to our children—to children as young as 11 years of age—yes, 11 years of age; grade six children, some possibly even as young as 10.

No-one would have known the next move by this association if the newspaper had not let the evil genie out of the closeted bottle. Its next move is to teach or to promote homosexuality in our schools under the handy guise of removing so-called homophobia and promoting its style of tolerance—tolerance of anything perverted and abuse and intolerance of traditional morality—yes, even traditional Christian philosophy and morality. But wait. The association berates anybody who dares, in its own words, to be judgmental. But it has already judged. It has judged against the traditional morality of the majority of the people who reside in this great State.

Therein lies the difficulty for the Beattie Labor Government. What morality is this Parliament to promote: the morality of the counterculture that promotes homosexuality as good and normal, or the traditional morality of the Queensland society that sees homosexuality as abnormal and perverted but yet tolerated? Nowhere is there evidence that this House specifically, or this State generally, has rejected traditional morality. In fact, the prayers we say here every morning are a mark that that tradition is alive and well. Nowhere do we find referenda of all the people of this great State declaring that they want their children exposed to, or taught, the perversion of homosexuality. That decision has been left to the shadowy forces within education and the Labor Government. Let them stand up and be counted so that we can identify where this child abuse is coming from. Why wait until some court hauls them before its tribunals or jails them for child abuse, rape or whatever?

By the number of calls I received at Caboolture and the number of letters to the editor I saw, society has a major problem with the Family Planning Association. Its main fetish appears to be in aborting Queensland children and pushing homosexuality in the schools so that family life is crushed, perverted or spoiled. No doubt it will now deny promoting homosexuality, just like it denies abusing children, and hide its incredible nonsense behind a smokescreen by claiming that children want to know the facts and that it is only providing the answers. That is very convenient, but the facts are quite different. The association has already received publicity in the media about creating homosexual role models in the classroom; about desensitising teachers to teach about homosexuality; about flooding the schools with homosexual posters glorifying perversion; about celebrating homosexual holidays—

A Government member: Do you dream about this stuff?

Mr FELDMAN: I will take that interjection from the member. Obviously, he is a man who supports homosexuality being taught in the classroom. I thank the honourable member for Mansfield. We will remember that that is exactly what he said.

The association received publicity about flooding the schools with homosexual posters glorifying perversion; about celebrating homosexual holidays; about advancing its perverted cause through volunteer workshops aimed at the teachers in our classrooms——

Mr REEVES: I rise to a point of order. I find those remarks about what I said offensive and ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr D'Arcy): Order! The honourable member finds the remarks offensive and asks that they be withdrawn.

Mr FELDMAN: I will withdraw those remarks if the member did not say that.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The member will withdraw the remarks without any qualification.

Mr FELDMAN: I will withdraw the remarks.

The association received publicity about promoting perversion under the guise of diversity. It is giving diversity a bad name, just like the Labor Party has given multiculturalism a bad name because of the nutty causes it promotes under such convenient umbrellas. Yes, it is into celebrating diversity—a codename for perversion. It has a need to celebrate homosexuality with other people's children. Our traditional morality does not pussyfoot about with perverted causes like this.

I do not want to dismay members opposite, but one need only refer to such references as 2 Timothy 4:3, 2 Peter 2 and Luke 17:2. The pertinent verse here is Luke 17:2, which speaks to the leaders, especially the leaders of our society, who cause people to sin, especially the young. To such teachers and leaders, who will be judged—and judged more harshly—it declares that it would be better for that leader to be thrown into the sea—to the depths of the sea—with a millstone around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. So watch yourselves in Education. Somebody is watching your every move. The people of Queensland here are watching your every move.

The Labor Government must be held responsible for the Family Planning Association's nonsense to date, because the Government appears to be funding that association in a major way. It is funding that association in order that it can reduce Queensland's population through the practice of abortion. Now it is funding a push to promote homosexuality in our schools. And not a negative word do we hear from the Premier or his Ministers or his mates. It is preaching libertarian nonsense, and its purpose is to tear apart the family life of parents, either now or in the future, with its nonsense about diversity.

Society must have a major problem with the Family Planning Association, and the problems will not go away by ploughing more public money into a group which decries traditional morality because it seeks to preach radical immorality. The language and practices it promotes in the classroom under the guise of sex education are themes and practices that one would be embarrassed to see or hear in a pornographic blue movie and are suitable only for the alley from which they came.

A spokesman for the Education Minister is quoted as saying that the Education Department was not involved in the program, and I sincerely hope that this is true. It would be shocking if it were involved. However, he was not available for comment when the Sunday Mail published its shocking exposure of the plot to promote perversion in the schools, as well as the filthy practices that are directly associated with the spread of the deadly disease of AIDS.

Child abuse is a crime that every responsible person in society deplors and seeks to abolish. The Minister for Education can demonstrate his total rejection of child abuse by deploring the plans of the Family Planning Association and assuring parents, the public of Queensland, children and the members of this House that no program to promote the perversion of homosexuality or the tolerance of it will be allowed within the school system; nor will the department encourage teachers to participate in the devious and nasty plans of the Family Planning Association to infiltrate its programs into our school system.

Child abuse is still child abuse in no matter what form it comes. It is all the worse when it emerges in schools under the cover of some other design. Child abuse must be rooted out of our schools, and the Minister can start with the Family Planning Association counterculture and its nefarious schemes to infiltrate and exploit our schools in order to promote homosexuality as a direct means of attacking traditional family morality.
