

and

We, Beth Cole
Karen Gilgallon
are the
promoters of this petition which contains (7) signatures.

PETITION TO STOP DISCRIMINATION IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia respectfully oppose

Religious schools being able to discriminate against students or their parents on the basis of sexuality or gender history.

Foundation Christian College in Mandurah receives millions of dollars in public funding. Its principal recently told a seven-year-old student that while at school she could not talk about her father's same-sex relationship. The principal also stated that the girl would not have been allowed to enrol at the school if he had known her father was gay.

Religious schools that receive public funding must be held to the same non-discriminatory standards as other schools, as upheld by the Equal Opportunity Act (1984) WA (the Act). Section 73 of the Act contains a loophole that allows religious schools to discriminate on the basis of sexuality and gender history.

More than 22,000 supporters signed our online petition "Religious schools shouldn't be exempt from anti-discrimination law" on change.org.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council will

Remove the loophole in section 73 of the Equal Opportunity Act (1984) WA that allows religious schools to discriminate on the basis of sexuality and gender history.

* AND YOUR PETITIONERS SHALL, IN DUTY BOUND, EVER PRAY. *

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE