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Prime Minister Tramples on People of Faith in Rush to Early Election

In a case of “take-out-the-trash Friday”, Prime Minister Albanese today indicated that religious discrimination legislation is no longer on his Government’s agenda.

Three months ago today, a broad range of faith leaders came together to give detailed amendments to the government which provided comprehensive feedback on the government proposals. This wide coalition demonstrated a high level of social cohesion with representatives from a broad range of Christian, Catholic, Orthodox and Islamic faith groups agreeing on line-by-line detailed amendments.

One month ago today, a joint coalition of representatives from Christian schools, including Christian Schools Australia, called on the Prime Minister to intervene directly in this stalled bill and provide certainty to schools and faith communities.

It is too soon to give up on this historic opportunity to put in place these long overdue protections. We call on the Prime Minister to exercise leadership in this area and ensure that Christian schools communities get the certainty they need and people of faith the protections he promised us before the last election.

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Quote attributed to Mark Spencer, Director of Public Policy

“Faith leaders have provided the Government with an historic way forward which will unite people of faith. There is no division on how to move forward with religious freedoms and I call on the Prime Minister to show leadership and instruct the Attorney-General to adopt those sensible amendments.”

Quote attributed to Dr Rachel Carling, Executive Officer – Government Relations and Advocacy

“Christian schools are in limbo waiting for religious freedom legislation to provide them with clarity and security. It is time for the Prime Minister to take up the amendments faith leaders have presented to him and to move on these proposals”.

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