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Strong push back against sexualisation of kids

FamilyVoice has applauded the firm response by Albany parents who are upset about sexualised materials in their city-funded workshops and local libraries.

"We hope thousands of mums and dads follow the example of empowered parents and citizens in Albany who demanded that the council protect children from harm at an elector's meeting on August 26," said FamilyVoice WA Director Darryl Budge.

"Concerned parents in other towns should consider emulating such direct action in their own local councils."

According to a report in the *Albany Advertiser* (27/8), city councillors will have to vote on September 24 on a raft of motions involving the sexualisation of children, after more than 400 people met to demand the removal of sex education books from the local library and the scrapping of sexual workshops in local city spaces.

The group of concerned parents, led by Keeping Children Safe Albany (KCSA), demanded Council investigate "the promotion of sexualising children in the City of Albany through unrestricted books in the library and events held during the month of February 2024."

KCSA group representative Michelle Kinsella, a former One Nation candidate, said the unrestricted access to the books opened children up to groomers.

"We as a community are concerned



AUG 26: The Albany Elector's Meeting saw over 400 people gather to pass several motions. The majority present were concerned parents.

about normalising the sexualisation of our children," she said.

"It's not just in our community, the same concerns are held by professionals and parents all over the world."

Among the group's passed motions was that the book *Welcome to S*** must only be available for loan to over-16s, and that two other books be removed from the Library until the Australian Classification Board has assessed them.

The City's librarians has removed the afore-mentioned book from the junior section to the Young Adult section.

A WA residents e-petition calling on WA Upper-House MPs to establish a parliamentary inquiry into the suitability of children's books and materials and classification guidelines across libraries and schools closes on October 31. The petition was created by Michelle Kinsella and is sponsored by South West MLC Ben Dawkins.

WA residents can sign the e-petition "Explicit Books Available to Children in Libraries" at the link rb.gy/s4ulgj until October 31, 2024.



The logo of the Albany parents group Keeping Children Safe





This now-removed book was in the junior section in the City of Albany Library, available for reading to four-year-olds and up. The book cover claims it is suitable for 11-year-olds, but it contains highly inappropriate sexual content.

Concern about civics and

citizenship

FamilyVoice South Australia director David d'Lima has cautiously welcomed a State government move requiring all senior students to take civics and citizenship lessons - as something the government says will be good for democracy - but he raises questions about the role of family, faith and freedom during such classes.

"FamilyVoice Australia welcomes any move that boosts awareness of civics and citizenship rights and responsibilities, and improves democracy, but we want to know if the government will permit free criticism of its own policies and practices," David d'Lima said.

"Action by political operators to shaft their own leaders in recent years does not sit comfortably with democracy, and the study of such behaviour needs to be allowed in class," he said.

"The same must apply to hot topics including abortion, euthanasia, and gender ideology."

Civics and citizenship education is compulsory within the national curriculum during primary and early secondary school years. However, in the later years of high school it becomes more specialised and is often integrated into other subjects, making it less of a standalone, compulsory subject.

In the early years of high school (Years 7-10) students across the nation are required to study civics and citizenship as part of the Humanities and Social

Sciences curriculum. But in Years 11 and 12, civics education becomes optional. So in principle FamilyVoice welcomes the State government move for compulsory study, David d'Lima said.

However, FamilyVoice is concerned that civics and citizenship study is likely to proceed in the absence of exploring foundational faith.

"The 1836 Proclamation of Governor John Hindmarsh, announcing the formation of government in South Australia, is a strongly Christian document and we would like assurance that foundational texts will be studied carefully and respectfully," David d'Lima said.

FamilyVoice is also concerned that the curriculum will become a further tool in the inculcation of anti-family ideology.

"A great danger in asserting individual citizenship rights is to forget the common good, including the role of the traditional family and the great institutions of society," David d'Lima



FamilyVoice SA Director David d'Lima at a Christian school

said.

"We are concerned that the study of civics and citizenship will further confuse young people as to the biological reality of gender, the importance of marriage for the raising of children, and the value of institutions and associations.

"As the family and the free institutions of society are basic to the community, it is imperative not only to study those building blocks, but to assess and commend their value."

David d'Lima provides civics and citizenship lessons that uphold family, faith and freedom and is pictured here about to address students at a Christian school.

Vic librarians to talk sex with kids

FamilyVoice Australia gender spokesman David d'Lima has slammed Victorian government moves that would sexualise and confuse young children.

"We are appalled that kids as young as five will have to question their own sexual identity when quizzed by Victorian library staff," David d'Lima said.

"This shocking intrusion will only add to gender confusion and the escalation of mental health problems among children and teenagers, all at taxpayer expense.

"Strangers should not be talking to children about sex, especially in environments like libraries."

New gender guidelines issued to Victoria's public libraries urge staff to employ non-gendered greetings when addressing children and to ask about their preferred pronouns.



A previous parents protest to a Melbourne city council in 2023

"This is yet another push by advocates of the queer agenda and it must be scrapped by the government of Victoria."

Throw this comic in the trash

The FamilyVoice Queensland Director Andrew McColl has criticised the State government, following concerns raised by MP Robbie Katter about the comic book Gender Queer and its availability to children, including at the Brisbane City Library.

"Full marks to Robbie Katter for speaking up and raising a question in Parliament about this vile book and its possible availability in Queensland schools," Andrew McColl said.

"And if it turns out this trash is available in school libraries or classrooms, heads should roll."

Mr McColl also credited Bernard Gaynor for opposing the book, which led to it being banned from the Bundaberg library by the council.

Mr Gaynor said, "Bundaberg is the first council in Australia to seriously address this issue and take the book off the shelves. This is fantastic news, and I believe other councils will follow. This book needs to be removed. Under Australian law, its content is actually unlawful."

The book by Maia Kobabe includes explicit and graphic depictions of sexual acts involving minors, which have been widely condemned as deeply disturbing.

In response to the question raised by Robbie Katter on August 20, Queensland Education Minister Di Farmer said she does not know whether the controversial book is available in school libraries but has pledged to find out.



Robbie Katter MP slammed the book

According to a report in the *Courier Mail* (21/8) an Education Department spokesman refused to clarify whether it is known if the comic book is available in Queensland schools.

The comic is classified M, not recommended for readers under 15. It is available without restriction on the shelves of Brisbane City Council Library.

"Governments are rightly concerned about child sexual abuse, and it's appalling that this shocking book has gained classification and a place in the city library," Andrew McColl said.

The persecution of Bernard Gaynor

BY GRAEME MITCHELL, FAMILYVOICE NSW DIRECTOR

After serving on two overseas Australian Army tours, Bernard Gaynor, a conservative Roman Catholic and married father of nine children, is this year fighting his 43rd complaint since 2014 with the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board.

The latest complaint is related to a video that exposed an intimidation campaign against a Queensland family who opposed a gay pride march beside a children's park and wading pool on a Sunday afternoon.

After a Greens candidate at the Brisbane council elections had revealed the address of the family's home and posted photos of it, a group of Christian men gathered at the home in November last year to guard the family against the threat of a protest by a gay mob.

This latest complaint has been accepted by the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, despite the complaint being about things that Bernard, a resident of Queensland, did in Queensland.

Mr Gaynor asked the NSW Supreme Court to rule that there is

no jurisdiction under NSW antidiscrimination legislation for the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board to accept complaints or investigate persons for things that they do outside of NSW.

The latest news is that the NSW Attorney General has officially intervened in this matter, informing the Supreme Court that Bernard's argument raises 'novel' legal issues. The matter will be heard on 12th



Bernard Gaynor

December 2024 in Sydney.

Meanwhile, the complaint itself remains before the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal where Bernard faces a fine of up to \$100,000, although action is currently stayed pending a decision by the Supreme Court regarding jurisdiction.

Lastly, there are two matters of grave concern for the citizens of NSW. Firstly, why is the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board accepting complaints about matters that happen in Queensland that directly involve residents of Queensland only? And secondly, why are NSW taxpayers funding the case in the Supreme Court to determine the question of NSW Anti-Discrimination Board jurisdiction?

Qld Labor struggles with law and order

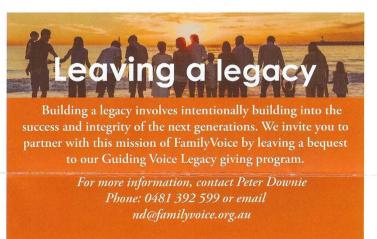
With a State election due at the end of October, many Queensland residents are saying that law and order is a matter of concern, influencing their vote.

The *Toowoomba Chronicle* quotes a Goondiwindi local man saying that "[the] town is in 'shock', as armed offenders steal cars, smash in doors and windows, assault the elderly and threaten residents with machetes." The man added, "It's crime after crime after crime" (*Toowoomba Chronicle*, 19/8/24).

The same man blamed the crimes on a group of repeat offenders, who police could do little more than arrest and release. "We feel helpless with a weak state government that does nothing for us," he said. "There is no protection for victims of crime."

The Police Acting Inspector Paula Smitherd indicated that "Investigations indicate this group is specifically targeting motels and accommodation businesses, but a few private properties have been targeted as well."

A group of armed offenders has been on a three-day crime spree through Goondiwindi, threatening residents, an elderly lady, stealing cars and then abandoning and torching them across the border in NSW.





Watch: Town under siege as machetewielding thugs run riot

A Qld town is in 'shock', as armed offenders steal cars, smash in doors and windows, assault the elderly and threaten residents with machetes. SEF THE VIDEO

The Toowoomba Chronicle story on August 19

"In some of these instances, the offenders are reported to be armed with large knives," Acting Inspector Smitherd said.

Goondiwindi Region Mayor Lawrence Springborg blames a lack of harsh penalties for youth offenders, saying it causes the offenders to have disregard for themselves and escalates crime.

"The police need to be supported as there is a high clean up rate, but there needs to be a deterrence, which comes with consequence. You don't steal 30 cars and burn them out and get more and more chances," he said.

Almost 300,000 Queensland residents were victims of crime in the past 12 months as break-ins and car thefts soar.

FamilyVoice Queensland Director Andrew McColl said, "Not only is the Labor government looking increasingly inept at dealing firmly with criminals. The focus has shifted onto the State's restrictive firearm laws, as innocent, lawabiding people are prohibited from purchasing firearms for personal protection.

"The Castle Law legislation that has been promoted by the Katter Party and is presently up for debate, would be a worthwhile component of restoring law and order in Queensland."

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