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## **Privatise state schools**

Christian advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia “thoroughly rejects” calls to remove funding from non-government schools and it calls upon State governments to privatise the education of children.

“FamilyVoice Australia thoroughly rejects a call from the Australian Education Union to cancel the public funding of independent schools and instead recommends the privatisation of all government schools,” said FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima.

“Families increasingly are moving their children away from state education and into the independent sector, even though parents not only pay taxation dollars for the state school system they reject, but must also pay fees to the schools of their choice.

“That’s a matter of gross unfairness which the Australian Education Union might wish to ponder,” he said.

FamilyVoice Australia also firmly rejects the involvement of government in running schools.

“Government has no business running airlines or telcos, and should let the private sector operate all schools - without statist ideology dictating who will be hired and what shall be taught,” David d’Lima said.

According to FamilyVoice Australia, the education of children is the primary responsibility of parents, not the state, and they should decide how their children are educated.

“Many private schools were properly called ‘public schools’ in a previous era, because they were open to all students - and that still the case today within the independent sector.

“But independent schools must remain free of radical gender indoctrination and the anti-family philosophy of many government-run schools, so as to provide the distinctive education parents want for their children.”

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