

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **SA Education toilet wars continue**

South Australia's school toilet door war continues, despite an assurance from the SA Education Department that school toilet doors would be restored.

While one Adelaide school has reinstalled one toilet door after days of a lack of privacy for children – a second is refusing, while a third has now reportedly removed them as well.

FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima comments as follows:

“Parents are very concerned about a lack of privacy for students after this bizarre move.

“The Premier and Education Minister need to clarify what on earth is going on.

“This is a very strange situation and parents need assurance that the Malinauskas Government has it under control.



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David d'Lima yesterday raised concerns as he interviewed on 5AA.

Acknowledging that school toilets are always the focus of difficulty, he said the problem should be handled by better staffing, the deployment of prefects and improved education.

“You don't need to remove the door!” he said.



“But the bigger issue is that we are dealing with an education department that doesn’t get the fact that God has made the world with boys and girls, male and female.

“I do acknowledge that a small number of students do go through a period of some dysphoria at times, where they are not quite certain about their gender and their sexuality, but they almost always, traditionally, have grown out of that.

“Instead now we’ve got a culture where we are saying to kids, yes you have male genitalia and you’ve been raised as a boy, but if you feel that you’re like a girl, then we will do everything within our power, including giving you hormonal treatments and surgery eventually to confirm you in this new identity that you’ve discovered.

“It used to be recognised that schools functioned in loco parentis - in the place of parents - but now parents are being told what government will do for us, and we’ve got to suck it up, so we need to reclaim government to be our servant not our master; our governments are just out of control.”

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