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Hon Peter C Collier BA, Dip ED MLC Minister for Education, Aboriginal Affairs and External Affairs 10th Floor, Dumas House 2 Havelock Street WEST PERTH WA 6005

Re Safe Schools Coalition Australia (SSCA)

Your letter, 31 May 2016 for which we thank you, has been the subject of much discussion within CNI. Three key issues arise:

- you say "Schools have the flexibility to choose resources that suit the context of their teaching and learning programs." Our letter, dated 30th March, 2016 addressed to Federal Minister Birmingham, a copy of which was provided to you, clearly demonstrated that the SSCA was dishonestly represented as an anti-bullying program and federally funded as such; that Roz Ward, La Trobe University, architect and manager of the SSCA program has conceded SSCA "is part of a broader Marxist strategy to change society" she said "it's not about stopping bullying...(it's) about gender and sexual diversity."
- (ii) The letter, referred to, also showed that the concept of 'gender fluidity' has no scientific basis and that the concept of gender ideology harms children.

We ask how can you, as Minister, justify allowing schools the flexibility to choose such dishonest, non-scientific and harmful material for use in their teaching and learning programs?

(iii) The third key issue is whether there is an anti bullying program based on respect for all students, respect for all teachers and for all staff in all schools in Western Australia and not targeting just one particular cohort?

If there is not such a program, will you now please ensure that one is developed and implemented.

Will you now withdraw funding of the SSCA and remove it from all schools in Western Australia?

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