

## **What to write about to your local member (and Education minister, Premier) concerning the SRE book ban in public schools.**

Please note: *A hand written letter is best: there's something more personal and powerful in a hand-written letter than a typed one.*

- Make the tone positive: politicians get enough hate mail. We Christians must not add to that. You can start the letter by thanking for the politicians for their service of our community.
- Raise your concern about the recent Department of Education and Communities (DEC) Directive, which mandated what content SRE providers are not allowed to teach from. Remind them that according to s32 (3) of the Education Act 1990, *'The religious education to be given is to be given in every case to be the religious education authorised by the religious body to which the member of the clergy or other religious body belongs'*. Remind them that the department's own Religious Education Policy (S1.3) is that: *'Curriculum for special religious education is developed and implemented by approved providers'*.
- In light of the above, ask how can such a decision by the DEC to suddenly ban certain books from SRE (without any consultation whatsoever with the SRE providers) be legal?
- Request a reply to the above questions, and that you'll be following this issue very closely.
- Remind them as well about the benefits of teaching our children the Christian worldview, whether they accept it for themselves or not. (You might want to read my [previous post](#) for some relevant quotes from Atheist commentators on the crucial role played by Christianity in forming western culture and ideals).
- Let them know that you're keen for SRE in schools to continue, as per the current legal arrangements.