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Dear Principal Leask,

I am writing to you as a representative of LGB Alliance Australia, an organisation dedicated to advocating for the rights and well-being of same-sex attracted individuals.

It is with deep concern that we read a student at your school was banned from bringing her girlfriend to the Year 12 formal. The LGB community experience discrimination because of their sexual orientation on a daily basis. It is deeply troubling to witness such discrimination present in an educational setting where every student should have the opportunity to flourish. As students were allowed to bring opposite-sex partners to the formal, that same-sex couples were banned is a blatant display of discrimination against certain students. Your duty should be to care for, support and encourage all students, as the stewards of their education.

Research indicates that educational establishments should not perpetuate this kind of overt discrimination, as it can profoundly impact a student's mental health. Such discrimination can lead to increased rates of depression and anxiety, diminished self-esteem and self-worth, decreased academic performance, and social isolation.

We urge you to reflect upon the values and principles that your educational institution upholds and to ensure that all students, regardless of their sexual orientation, are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. We are willing to engage in a constructive dialogue with you to address this matter and collaborate on ways to foster a more supportive environment at your school.

Yours sincerely

Michael David

LGB Alliance Australia

ABOUT LGB ALLIANCE AUSTRALIA

We are a group of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals who, by and large, have spent our entire lives campaigning for equality for people with same-sex sexual orientation. Among our ranks are doctors, academics, psychiatrists and lawyers with expertise in safeguarding.

We've celebrated wildly at the great strides made by our movement over the decades, and we're delighted that Australia today is mostly a great place for LGB people, to live, work and love.

We've come together now because we believe our hard-won victories are under threat.

We believe that biological sex is observed in the womb and/or at birth and is not assigned. In our view, current gender ideologies are pseudo-scientific and present a threat to people whose sexual orientation is towards the same sex, in the case of bisexuals, to both sexes. In addition, we believe that these ideologies are confusing and dangerous to children.