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Queensland State Election Candidate Survey

Candidate Responses - Comments

January 2015

Electorate	Party	Candidate Name	COMMENTS
Morayfield	Family First Party	EATON, Jon	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: First Law of Thermodynamics - energy has no beginning or end; it is eternal. (cannot be created; no beginning / cannot be destroyed; no end). So do you believe in science which states clearly that there is an eternal energy source? Or do you believe that there was once nothing and that the First Law of Thermodynamics is wrong and that energy is not eternal?</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: First Law of Thermodynamics - energy has no beginning or end; it is eternal. (cannot be created; no beginning / cannot be destroyed; no end). So do you believe in science which states clearly that there is an eternal energy source? Or do you believe that there was once nothing and that the First Law of Thermodynamics is wrong and that energy is not eternal?</p> <p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: First Law of Thermodynamics - energy has no beginning or end; it is eternal. (cannot be created; no beginning / cannot be destroyed; no end). So do you believe in science which states clearly that there is an eternal</p>

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Murrumba	Family First Party	HUTCHINSON, Ray	<p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? NO</p>

			<p>Comment: Whilst evolution is only a theory with little proof to back it up, ie evidence of one kind becoming another kind, where as there is plenty of scientific proof of Intelligent design.</p> <p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? NO</p> <p>Comment: The results themselves prove the important role the Chaplains play in children lives.</p>
Gaven	Family First Party	O'BRIEN, Ben	<p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Undecided</p>
Mudgeeraba	Family First Party	PETERSEN, Chris	<p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I would have to look into this I don't adhere to the belief of 7 literal days of creation by I see flaws in the evolution theory</p> <p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I would not vote on a euthanasia bill</p> <p>9. Anti-discrimination Legislation: Should religious bodies be prevented from discriminating in employment when the religious observance or policies are not a genuine occupational qualification for that job? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: as an employer it is the right of any employer to choose the best person suited to the job but I would not employ someone that would not fit in with other staff as it would cause conflict in the work place.</p> <p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>I as a Christian believe that the church, religion, or state body should face up to their moral responsibilities where harm has been done they should stand up and be accountable.</p>

			I believe in the workers right for fair pay for work done and if it is outside of normal Monday to Friday they deserve to be compensated with penalty rates, I own a retail business and I chose not to work Sundays so employ staff to do those shifts am willing to pay the penalty rate accordingly.
Morayfield	Independent	BECK, Stephen	<p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Only if equal funding is available to secular alternatives. Level playing field?</p>
Hervey Bay	Independent	DEAN, Jannean	<p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I have selected other as I am not familiar with the provision, however I am a strong believer that science should be taught in science classes</p> <p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I believe this falls under federal law not state law so I do not believe that an opinion either way would hold any relevance</p> <p>9. Anti-discrimination Legislation: Should religious bodies be prevented from discriminating in employment when the religious observance or policies are not a genuine occupational qualification for that job? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I think there are too many "what if's" and hypotheticals here. I would suggest a common sense approach to individual situations however.</p> <p>10. Taxation Law: Are you in favour of changing laws effecting Church property trusts in order to free up funds to compensate survivors of child abuse? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I don't know enough about this to give an informed answer, however I believe this falls under federal and not state law</p>
Algerter	Independent	FORSHAW, Kevin	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p>

			<p>Comment: I am non religious and feel that I am not qualified to answer</p>
Indooroopilly	Independent	FRENEY, Ben	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I don't support government funded religious programs of any nature including paying for school teachers teaching religion in government funded schools.</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: This should depend on the school hierarchy as a government state school should be run more at a local level and much less at a central level.</p> <p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I don't have a problem with being asked what religion I have faith in/ non-faith provided there is an opt out clause, that is a prefer not to say response for which I think there is.</p> <p>4. Comparative Religious Education: Would you support a professionally designed and teacher-run curriculum topic, 'comparative worldviews' that covered a multitude of faiths, denominations and worldviews? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Again this should depend on the school hierarchy as a government state school should be run more at a local level and much less at a central level. Included in the decision at a local level for such issues could be Parents and citizens input.</p> <p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Again this should depend on the school hierarchy as a government state school should be run more at a local level and much less at a central level. Included in the decision at a local level for such issues could be Parents and citizens input.</p>

Ferny Grove	Independent	GITTINS, Di	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I think that there is a place for this kind of learning in schools but it must be on a voluntary basis and by no means should it be reported on report cards or used as a discrimination tool</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: My knowledge in this area is not totally up to date with this provision, so i respectfully declin to comment.</p> <p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: If the government were to start to give a school funding for some of their classes and not for others this is discrimination and cannot be part of an inclusive schooling system</p> <p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: As an MS survivor in constant pain I believe that the only person who can make the decision to end his or her own life to to a terminal or life long medical condtion is the individual. The stat has no right to impose their views on anyone in this matter. From personal experience this decision is not taken lightly and in many cases is discussed with the family and is done with full support. The family is aware that there is no relief from the daily pain and out of love for the patient will assist in any way possible, even if it means breaking he law. I understand that many faiths see that ending ones life is a sin. But surely you can see that letting a person live in constant pain with little or no respite is akin to advocating torture. Humans are compassionate enough to end an animals life if they are suffering, why don't we have the same compassion for other humans. Any introduction of a bill that supports Euthanasia is controversial and although I support the action in principle, I will never vote for a bill that compromises the decision making process that is a very personal journey</p> <p>9. Anti-discrimination Legislation: Should religious bodies be prevented from discriminating in employment when the religious observance or policies are not a genuine occupational qualification for that job? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I was not aware that this was something that was currently allowed. If discrimination is supported in any form by a sitting government this should be addressed.</p> <p>10. Taxation Law: Are you in favour of changing laws effecting Church property trusts in order to free up funds to compensate survivors of child abuse? OTHER</p>
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Broadwater	Independent	JAVANMARD, Amin-Reza	<p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I am in favour of a voluntary, open ended question</p> <p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: As a health professional I must decline to answer</p> <p>10. Taxation Law: Are you in favour of changing laws effecting Church property trusts in order to free up funds to compensate survivors of child abuse? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Leave child abuse victims out of this, please.</p>
Lytton	Independent	MICHEL, Tamera	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: If it is taught it needs to be all religions as an education lesson not as a forcing beliefs lesson.</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I don't necessarily believe in the return of the secular provision but I do believe regardless of religion, science needs to be taught in Science class not religious views. Evolution is real and has been proven.</p> <p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I have no problem with there being government funding for religious education in schools but it would have to be educating on a full range of religions and world views to educate the children but not have these faiths forced upon them.</p>

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Pine Rivers	Independent	PROHASKA, Thor	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? YES</p> <p>Comment: This is my personal position, but it does not matter what I think because it will be the majority consensus position of the entire electorate that will direct me (if elected) how to vote in parliament.</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? YES</p> <p>Comment: This is my personal position, but it does not matter what I think because it will be the majority consensus position of the entire electorate that will direct me (if elected) how to vote in parliament.</p> <p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? YES</p> <p>Comment: This is my personal position, but it does not matter what I think because it will be the majority consensus position of the entire electorate that will direct me (if elected) how to vote in parliament.</p> <p>4. Comparative Religious Education: Would you support a professionally designed and teacher-run curriculum topic, 'comparative worldviews' that covered a multitude of faiths, denominations and worldviews? YES</p>

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Mansfield	Independent	WIRTH, Jarrod	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Is this question in reference to public state schools?</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Is this question in reference to public state schools?</p> <p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Is this question in reference to public state schools?</p> <p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I would support this Bill, only if the ballot was confidential as I would not disclose my vote publicly</p> <p>8. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I'd have to review the proposed exemptions</p> <p>10. Taxation Law: Are you in favour of changing laws effecting Church property trusts in order to free up funds to compensate survivors of child abuse? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I'd have to review the proposed changes</p>

Hinchinbrook	Katter's Australian Party	BARNES, Barry	<p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: We have no objection to question but respect the right of a parent to decline to answer.</p> <p>7. Age of Consent: Do you support uniformity of age among laws relating to the age of consent for lawful sexual activity, as already applies in the rest of Australia? NO</p> <p>Comment: Queensland is a sovereign State and we have no say in electing their Parliamentarians. NSW Parliamentarians should have no say in what is Queensland law.</p> <p>8. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Mandatory reporting should be the law with exception of Confessional Situations.</p> <p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Katter's Australian Party Core Value number 2 states "Modern Australia was founded on Christian values and a responsibility to one's fellow man. This heritage belongs to all Australians and defines the culture of the nation. The ideals for Australian society and government should be based upon these principles"</p>
Toowoomba North	Katter's Australian Party	ELLIOTT, Ken	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: This should be an opt in system.</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: all 'theories can be taught side by side, or through a professionally designed curriculum based 'worldviews'</p>

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Condamine	Katter's Australian Party	HOPPER, Ben	<p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: We have no objection to question but respect the right of a parent to decline to answer.</p> <p>7. Age of Consent: Do you support uniformity of age among laws relating to the age of consent for lawful sexual activity, as already applies in the rest of Australia? NO</p> <p>Comment: Queensland is a sovereign State and we have no say in electing their Parliamentarians. NSW Parliamentarians should have no say in what is Queensland law.</p> <p>8. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Mandatory reporting should be the law woith excpetion of COnfessional Situations.</p> <p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

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Mount Coot-tha	The Greens	AMEER, Omar	<p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Thanks for sending the survey and giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts on these issues.</p> <p>Kind regards Omar</p>
Murrumba	The Greens	DEJUN, Simone	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I support removing Bible lessons and religious instruction by volunteers in schools not officially affiliated with that religion.</p> <p>4. Comparative Religious Education: Would you support a professionally designed and teacher-run curriculum topic, 'comparative worldviews' that covered a multitude of faiths, denominations and worldviews? YES</p> <p>Comment: The Studies of Religion subject in the Qld schools curriculum may already cover this.</p> <p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>I am not an atheist but a practicing Christian, however I recognise that Australia is a country made up of people from a broad range of faiths, not merely the select religions historically reflected in our law making and taught in our schools.</p>
Nicklin	The Greens	DOOLAN, Julie	<p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: The emotional support that can be offered by a chaplain can certainly have it's merits, however I do not agree with the Christian platform underlying some of the advice that can be offered to children.</p>
Kawana	The Greens	FINCH, Marcus	<p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Keep up the good work, have been a member of Queensland Skeptics for many years!</p>

Mount Isa	The Greens	FOTH, Marcus	<p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Thank you for this survey. Please convey to your members that our policies can be found in detail at www.qld.greens.org.au</p>
Cairns	The Greens	GOLD, Myra	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I don't mind religious instruction by volunteers of all faiths if they also have ethics for children who are of no faith</p> <p>4. Comparative Religious Education: Would you support a professionally designed and teacher-run curriculum topic, 'comparative worldviews' that covered a multitude of faiths, denominations and worldviews? YES</p> <p>Comment: As long as Ethics was included</p> <p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>I come from a non-Christian background and I went to religious instruction classes in my parents' faith for a half an hour. My child when she was at school only had Christianity as her option and was made to sit in library while the volunteers were there. If we allow volunteers from religions to have the hour a week then the state should provide ethics and values for those that either are atheists, or their religion is not represented in the volunteers.</p>
Bulimba	The Greens	HALE, David	<p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to do the survey. All the best. David</p>
Redcliffe	The Greens	JOHNSON, Peter Johnson, Pete	<p>7. Age of Consent: Do you support uniformity of age among laws relating to the age of consent for lawful sexual activity, as already applies in the rest of Australia? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Not sure what that means</p>
Keppel	The Greens	JONES, Brandon	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I believe it should be available, but not mandatory. 'Opt-in'</p>

			<p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? YES</p> <p>Comment: It should be taught in religious classes, not Science.</p> <p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Neutral. I would have to first see data on whether or not this negatively impacts anyone before making a decision.</p> <p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? NO</p> <p>Comment: Having spoken with, and being involved in the lives of Chaplains, I know first handedly that they do an incredibly good job in guiding and supporting students. Chaplains currently are bound by strict laws in regards to talking about their faith. I don't believe there is any harm in providing their services; Chaplaincy is not a luxurious job, it does not pay well and those that do take up chaplaincy also sacrifice a lot more time than most people would in a normal job.</p> <p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: This is an incredibly difficult topic. I sit on the fence on this one; I've not yet come across a legislation which can't be abused - It is heartbreaking to know that their a chronically and terminally ill patients who are realistically, waiting to die; however, I cannot support a bill to legalize Euthanasia unless I can be 100% sure that it cannot be abused and that it cannot be requested unless circumstances are incredibly grim.</p>
Kallangur	The Greens	KENNEDY, Jason	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Religious education about religion is essential for tolerance and understanding. Religions are not to be practiced in schools however education about all religious beliefs is important.</p>
Redlands	The Greens	KEOGH, David	<p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>No I fully committed to religious freedom and do not think that religion should be forced on anyone.</p>

Springwood	The Greens	LEO, Janina	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I support the way in which the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA, formerly Queensland Studies Authority) currently offers a comparative study of religion syllabus which is educational, fosters dialogue about a variety of perspectives, recognises the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and helps QLD students to develop an understanding of the ways that cultural contexts influence an individual's beliefs or non-beliefs.</p> <p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I support this in line with the data collection guidelines of the Australian Bureau of Statistics as there are times when this data is valuable for the provision of community services for people of belief and non-belief.</p> <p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: It is appropriate in certain educational cultural contexts for example the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, for spirituality to be supported by the government. I believe it is preferable to have qualified school psychologists rather than chaplains in the educational environment who then receive government funding.</p>
Everton	The Greens	NORRIE, Aidan	<p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to answer these really important questions!</p>
Pumicestone	The Greens	O'CONNELL, Daniel	<p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: My personal view, it is a personal decision.</p> <p>7. Age of Consent: Do you support uniformity of age among laws relating to the age of consent for lawful sexual activity, as already applies in the rest of Australia? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Unsure of the current implications of this issue.</p>

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Lockyer	The Greens	RUDKIN, Clare	<p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>No problems answering Yes to all these questions.</p>
Hinchinbrook	The Greens	STIRLING, Jenny	<p>4. Comparative Religious Education: Would you support a professionally designed and teacher-run curriculum topic, 'comparative worldviews' that covered a multitude of faiths, denominations and worldviews? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I don't think the topic is appropriate for teachers in state schools to teach.</p> <p>6. Voluntary Euthanasia: Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I am undecided.</p> <p>7. Age of Consent: Do you support uniformity of age among laws relating to the age of consent for lawful sexual activity, as already applies in the rest of Australia? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: Given that so many young people are engaging in sexual activity underage with each other, and no laws seem to be able to regulate that, uniformity seems pointless.</p>

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Maryborough	The Greens	WEBB, Katherine	<p>1. Religious Instruction: Do you support removing the joint provision of Religious Instruction (by volunteers) and Bible lessons in class (by classroom teachers)? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: It depends on the nature of the "Religious Instruction". It can be helpful to learn about religion from those who practice. It can be a positive thing to experience religious belief. It can be a warped and detrimental thing to have religion imposed on people when there is such a broad scope for misinterpretation, perversion and abuse.</p> <p>2. Secular Schooling: Do you support the return of the 1875-1910 secular provision into the Education Act to prevent Creationism (Intelligent Design) from being taught as, or in, Science classes? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I'm trying to imagine a science of creationism... Science is often prescribed as "The World View" in a religious way. I don't think trying to legislate what can and cannot be taught in a classroom is a healthy approach to education generally. Teaching is the transference of knowledge from one to another. The character, sensitivity and intelligence of a teacher is of more significance than curriculum.</p> <p>3. Privacy: Are you opposed to the compulsory Religious Instruction school enrollment question, that compels parents to divulge their faith/non-faith to Education Queensland, with those answers stored forever in OneSchool central database? YES</p> <p>Comment: It should always be optional to divulge personal information.</p> <p>5. School Chaplaincy: Do you believe it is inappropriate, in a state school setting, for our Governments to fund 'religious and spiritual advice' from tax dollars to be given to students from Prep years on to Y12? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I believe it is important to discuss values and beliefs with children in schools since school is the defacto "community" where children spend their days. I also think more time and care should be devoted to teaching social interaction and communication skills, eg. "non-violent communication". Perhaps "religious and spiritual advice" might go some way toward filling that gap. To ignore the spiritual in a school setting is to deny an important aspect of "being", which is one of the ways our children are warped by the school experience.</p>

			<p>7. Age of Consent: Do you support uniformity of age among laws relating to the age of consent for lawful sexual activity, as already applies in the rest of Australia? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: I believe children should be protected from sexual predators, but there are currently young people serving long jail sentences for having consensual sex as a teenager with a teenage partner only 2 years younger than themselves. Some laws perpetuate injustice and in many ways the law does not belong in the bedroom.</p> <p>9. Anti-discrimination Legislation: Should religious bodies be prevented from discriminating in employment when the religious observance or policies are not a genuine occupational qualification for that job? OTHER</p> <p>Comment: It depends on the application. If a Buddhist school wants Buddhist teachers and administration staff, what's the point of trying to make them employ a non-Buddhist? Who would be served by that?</p> <p>10. Taxation Law: Are you in favour of changing laws effecting Church property trusts in order to free up funds to compensate survivors of child abuse? YES</p> <p>Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Imposing religious indoctrination onto others has been a crime against humanity on a broad scale. Used to justify genocide, war, theft and torture. We are yet to recover from it. However, there are nuggets of wisdom and truth to be gleaned and shared from most, if not all, religious and spiritual teachings. There is a balance to be found that the law is ill equipped to negotiate, enshrined as it is in historical religious institutions.</p>
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