Legislation Committee

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Dear Members of Parliament

I am writing out of great concern and urgency re the breaking of the Seal of Confession.
The fact is the Seal of Confession is a universal Church law that the Australian Church does not have the authority to alter without the authority of the Holy See in Rome.

The WA Govt will be enforcing enormous pressure on Catholic priests which will see them dismissed from their office. This infringes on the free practice of religion in our State.

It should be noted that the Catholic Archdiocese has implemented exemplary measures in safeguarding our children. It would be wise to work with them to improve safer measures with other organisations.

I sincerely hope you consider my concerns.

Thank you

Bette Lyra