Date

Dear [head of the education department/contact you may already have in the education department]

**Re: Girls uniform choices in [name of school]**

I am writing to you about school uniform options for girls at public schools in South Australia. I am concerned that in some public schools girls’ uniform options are disadvantageous and discriminatory, and negatively impact on girls’ learning and wellbeing. I wish to make a formal complaint about the uniform policy at [name of school].

Many schools in Australia allow students to wear a range of uniform options, choosing between dresses, skirts, shorts and pants. However, a surprising number do not allow girls the choice of shorts or pants, and require female students to wear a dress or skirt to school.

My daughter is currently [??] years old. [Discuss in detail here what uniform options are currently being offered to girls at your child’s school. Outline the range of ways you have worked with the school to try and get change in the uniform policy].

This issue is important to me because I want my daughter to actively participate in physical activities at school and on the way to/from school, I want her to be warm and comfortable in winter, and I want her to engage in every learning opportunity at the school without having to worry about sitting modestly.

The Department for Education and Child Development School Dress Code Policy states that:

**Regardless of a student’s gender**, the dress code should be flexible, and allow the right of choice. This includes the choice of clothing that allows for **freedom of movement**, **level of comfort**, safety, **consideration of climatic factors**, and specific circumstances such as pregnancy.

Thus by my reading, my daughter’s school is in contravention of your policy.

Due to the discrimination my daughter is experiencing at school, I request that you take action to ensure that this school cannot continue discriminating on the basis of sex / gender.

I believe that with your Department’s prompt action, this issue could be resolved within my daughter’s school promptly.

Please inform me of the action that will be taken by your Department to ensure my daughter’s school is required to discontinue discriminating against their female students based on sex / gender.

Yours sincerely,

**Name**

**Position** - let them know your influence here. Are you a coach? On a P&C?

An academic? A public health official? A lawyer?

Do you write or speak in the media? Are you a blogger?

**Contact details (email, address, phone number)**.