



- SAASSO opposes on-the-spot fines for parents.
- SAASSO also has grave concerns about the Governing Council section of the act.

The new act proposes no protections or development for Governing Councils.

Instead it lists all the ways the government and DECD can sack, suspend, replace, instruct and gag parents and volunteers on school Governing Councils.

Recently, SAASSO met with cross-bench parties in the upper house of parliament to share our concerns - Australian Conservatives, The Greens, Advance SA & Dignity Party.

In these meetings we encountered open minds and some excellent ideas from people concerned with the rights of parents and school Governing Councils.

We will update you on the outcome as soon as we know.

After today, there are only two parliamentary sitting days left in the year; for the new act to be approved, rejected or amended.

The Liberals proposed a number of amendments when the bill was before the lower house - including a rejection of the new parent fines and several to protect the current rights of Governing Councils.

The Liberals will again propose amendments in the upper house.

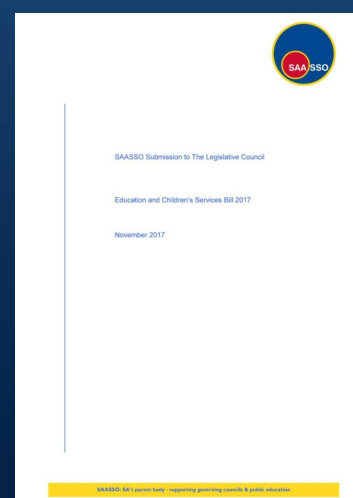
And members of the cross-bench will offer their own amendments.

We hope the right of parents and volunteers will be protected as a result.

The Weatherill Government is proposing a new Education Act - to replace the current act.

The bill has already been approved by the lower house and is currently before the upper house.

As you may have read in School Post, SAASSO has serious concerns about aspects of the new act, which would become the laws for education in South Australia.



[Read SAASSO's submission](#)

