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We praise Allah سبحانه وتعالى Most High, Salutation upon our Master, Nabi ﷺ.

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## **THE MJC OPPOSES THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEASURES.**

Of late, we have seen an obscene amount of advocation, force and bullying the global LGBTQ **MINORITY** community has exerted on religious, God- fearing members of society. From *Disney* cartoons to *EPL* captain armbands to illegal pedestrian crossing painted in pride colours. This continued onslaught on society is relentless and seems to be gaining ground due to the “cancel culture” that exists. One such recent endeavour is to scrap separate toilets for boys and girls. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) is considering implementation of this measure, as well as a few others, as per news outlets reporting:

- *Schools will soon be required to provide "genderless/unisex toilets and changing rooms".*
- *Individual stalls, redesigned bathroom signs, and more cubicles are touted as a solution.*
- *Teachers are to be told they must avoid gender-segregating pupils by splitting classes, lines or groups into "boys and girls".*
- *Gender-neutral uniforms must also be made available to all pupils who require them.*
- *"Deadnaming" will also be outlawed. This means a student identifying as a different gender cannot be called by their previous name.*

While for some this may seem like a “No-Brainer” for others not so much. The reality for Muslims living in South Africa is that we too, are a minority community, entrenched in our history of our country and if we are not going to be vocal, if we are not going to put forward to our government OUR ideals and OUR religious observances, we will be left behind and will be subjugated to an unpleasant and untenable existence.

The Muslim Judicial Council (SA) remains committed to the ideals of mainstream orthodox Islam. While we remain respectful of diversity of opinions, we deem this new trend of thrusting the LGBTQ narrative, liberalism, and post-modernity upon us, as a violation of our rights as Muslims and the rights of all other religious denominations.

We encourage our parents to engage the schools where their children are attending, voicing their dissatisfaction in this regard. We reserve the right to act in accordance with what is best for our children, exposure to what we deem inappropriate falls within that ambit, as such we should act accordingly. We must contest this decision by the DBE and action our rights as civil society to remain steadfast and true to the laws of the Almighty. These narratives that are forced down our throats are wanting us, a 21st century society, to question the very basic existence of all things, be it as simple as the pronoun by which we refer to one another or our very gender and sex. These onslaughts are not on us but attacks the very fabric and institution of the family construct, and more so, the very right of God Himself. **END**