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**Mr TED O'BRIEN** (Fairfax) (13:56): There is such a thing as a slippery slope, and the Labor Party is doing its best to see Australia slide down it. A form of restrictive censorship was recently recommended to the Queensland state Labor government, whereby children were not to speak about Christianity in the school play yard. For example, under the directive to principals issued by the Queensland education department, a child would not be allowed to give another child a Christmas card that might have a Christmas tree on the front cover, let alone, heaven forbid, a picture of baby Jesus. It should concern all who value freedom of religion in this country that the Queensland education minister was slow to confirm that the directives from her department would be rescinded. What should concern us more is the fact that the bureaucracy in that department in Queensland is filled to the brim with ideological appointees. Is this what the modern Labor Party has come to—a bunch of virtue-signalling socialists who refuse to accept the values on which our country is built? I say, let children be children, let them have their Christmas, let them have their freedom.