



## Don't skate around heritage issue

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Bruce Watson, Mosman

skewed enrolment patterns across the public education system.

Every day, tens of thousands of students travel across Sydney to their (or their parents') "choice" of school, and bypass their local school.

We are left with a system that pays more than \$500 million annually to transport students to their overcrowded "choice" schools across the city while some school campuses

The policy only ever justified the continued overfunding to well-resourced private schools and satisfied various powerful lobby groups.

Janice Creenaune, Austinmer

### A choice of our own

Peter FitzSimons hits the nail on the head with his statement "I will decide how I leave this world and the circumstances in which I go" ("Law for a dignified end the next step for progressives", August 11).

All competent adults should all be entitled to make the choice for themselves. The recent abortion debate has shone a light on politicians who think showing a "high moral stance" will assist them in their political aspirations by endearing them to the hard right of their parties.

Debbie Ditchfield, Vaucluse

### Moving on

Reading the letter about use of the word "bridesmaid" brought back the memory of signing legal documents in the past in which one's name was preceded by the description "spinster" (Letters, August 14). Thankfully we have moved on from that at least.

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### **Crisis recognised**

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