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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
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Dear Sir/Madame,

I am appalled that there is a possibility that Doctors & Nurses who even suggest that a child waits till they are old enough to make a rational decision on 'Gender Change', could be seen as a criminal offence is simply unbelievable.

We all know that as we are growing up & finding our way we can bounce from one idea to another & that we are easily influenced. If a person needs to be 17 to be mature enough to drive & 18 to make a decision on who we vote for & why, how can they possibly have the maturity to make a life changing decision as 'Gender Change' when they are under 18 anyway. That's the first point. Many of us are a bit 'screwed up' anyway till we develop the maturity that comes with time & experience.

The second point is when did we become a 'Police State'. Surely one of the great things of life is that we are all different, we have feelings & a conscience. If a person has a belief or a different opinion to someone else, then that is a good thing, it leads to a healthy discussion & debate which seems to be lacking these days. It appears that unless we agree with certain ideas we are now abused, tolerance is out the window!

To stipulate that Doctors or Nurses MUST go against their better judgements (they took an oath to save lives did they not?) or be barred or charged is a dangerous direction to go. What will be next?

Finally, for the record, I have no problems if someone wants to change who they are, that is their choice. But they need to have enough maturity to make their own decision (not influenced by someone else), & doctors must be able to refuse if they are against it. I am sure there are other doctors who don't have a problem who they can go to.

I pray that common sense prevails.

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