

From: [Andrew Jones](#)
To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Re Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Thank you for inviting submissions from the public regarding the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. I write to express my profound concerns regarding this pending legislature because it denies the proven contribution of individual and family psychotherapy to the mental health of a child or adolescent with gender dysphoria and condemns them to a life-long administration of hormones and the possibility of major surgery, including castration.

After reading the proposed amendments and the associated concerns expressed by member of the medical profession towards these amendments I am lodging this submission. I work with High School aged students in a wellbeing capacity (disengaged students) - along with a team of other professionals that include Guidance officers, school based health nurse, Chaplain, youth works and indigenous support workers.

As I work with students I am always mindful of their wellbeing (physically and psychologically) both short and long term – I have read the concerns expressed by health professionals, that is the lack of knowledge with respect to the long term effects of such procedures especially with the removal of any possible supportive processes or dialogue.

I therefore thank the Parliament for its concern but wish to register my strong disagreement with its commitment to the unproven claims of benefit from the massive life-long administration of hormones and the likely association of castrating surgery.

Respectfully yours

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