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To:	Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Subject:	My submission regarding the "HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019"
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To the members of the "HEALTH, COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES AND DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE" and all members of the Queensland parliament.

All aspects of the "HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019" related to so called "Gender Conversion Therapy" are repulsive and appalling. Who is converting who?

Are all the laws that you make "just" simply because they become "law"? Clearly not!!

Laws must be built on logic and reason and something that seems to escape the grasp of the majority of the members of your comity. Laws must be based on justice! Justice is <u>not</u> defined by the law it simply should be endorsed by the law.

This proposal for law is not by any stretch of the imagination just and should have been thrown out and not considered if the comity had any integrity at all.

• This bill asserts that it is concerned for individual welfare, when in actual fact it clearly will bring great harm to the welfare of numerous people. Of particular concern is the implication for children and the disabled and those who are responsible for their care. Sex related hormone therapy, injury from genital tucking and surgery is radical, irreversible and very harmful. To paint this as the "healthy alternative" to some fictitious problem called "conversion therapy" is outrageously dishonest and hypocritical. This bill is about enforcing "gender theory", sexual molestation and mutilation of minors and it must stop.

There are also serous risks for irreversible mental and physiological harm caused by all this physical and associated social trauma, particularly during the formative years of a child's life. For example hormones have a significant effect on brain development, just as learning experiences and emotional trauma do.

It is entirely normal for a child to be interested in the opposite sex to the point of wonder what it would be like to be the opposite sex. This bill would have every child who has ever questioned their gender, subjected to coercion for "sex therapy" because no over view is permitted. This is truly disgusting!

• This bill asserts the "conversion therapy" is evil, harmful and should be illegal. This is politically biased hysteria and it must stop. Those who consent to receive help and counseling surely have the right to receive it without interference from draconian pro-sexual mutilation proponents of our "civilized" society. Coercion by those pushing extreme so called "gender theory" should be prohibited in medical practice as it has absolutely no medical basis.

I am fully aware of the condition called hermaphroditism, also known as intersex. It is a legitimate medical condition and therefore quite a different issue. It is shameful the way this genuine medical condition has been dragged into the debate.

• This bill asserts that it is criminal to assert that a persons biological sex is their gender. It is clearly true that biological sex and gender are the same thing and any law that <u>enforces</u> any other opinion is wicked and unjust. Such a law would make "criminals" out of good citizens and have devastating consequences to our health

system and society.

If you ignore these obvious points and pass this law you will be complicit in sexual molestation and mutilation of children and those confused about their gender and you should not be serving in parliament. You will also be complicit in compromising Queensland's health services and society by harming the many ethical, hard working doctors, nurses and other care givers and supporters in our state.

Yours Sincerely

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