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To: [Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee](#)
Subject: Gender Conversion Therapy ban
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Dear Ms Palaszczuk

I am very dismayed and concerned about the Queensland Government's proposed gay conversion ban which is not even really simply about gay conversion. It's about forcing the entire medical professional to sign onto and affirm every aspect of the radical LGBTIQ agenda.

If a doctor has a patient asking for a sex change, they will have no choice but to start that patient on a course that will lead to irreversible damage.

Doctors who suggest a 'wait and see' approach to gender dysphoria are not criminals. They are responsible professionals advocating in the best interests of their patients.

The government's gay conversion ban bill should be voted down immediately.

I have experience and qualifications in this area and have spent many years keeping up to date with research and working alongside Sex Therapists like Patricia Weerakoon and others, who are knowledgeable on this topic. I am concerned that an uninformed media storm and politically motivated ideology that neglects current overwhelming research is not balanced or truthful.

The truth in current research regarding gender dysphoria is that about 90% of children with gender dysphoria will naturally grow out of their confusion, even with no treatment whatsoever.

The truth is that 96% of children presenting with gender dysphoria have an underlying mental health issue which when addressed reduces the incidence of dysphoria dramatically.

To expect health professionals to offer unwavering support is unhealthy and will lead to lifelong consequences for those on the receiving end. Increasingly people are de-transitioning of their own volition because they are discovering that "changing" gender has not been the answer they expected, yet for most they will

never be able to have children as they are sterile!

Transgender men [women] will grow a beard for the rest of their life!

The impact of cross sex hormones and surgery comes at a health cost that we know has negative impacts both physically and emotionally.

We know due to research that those who transition do not have long term reduced rates of depression, anxiety and suicide.

Some vulnerable community members are especially at risk of a promoting ideology, this includes people on the spectrum who are hugely over represented in the gender dysphoric community. All this information is readily available and has been researched by experts such as James Canton, Ken Zucker and Patricia Weerakoon.

In terms of homosexual lifestyles, there is evidence that many teens feel same sex attracted yet do not go on to choose a homosexual relationship. It is simply a time of life when they may have confusion, be experimenting or have a season of attraction. There needs to be the option for them to discover if this is really who they are or who they want to be before they make decisions. After all, many teens make all sorts of unhelpful sexual decisions [heterosexual or homosexual] which they later regret. We need to help them navigate this time not promote one option to them. Most teens enter sexual relationships too early so a wait and see approach protects them from decisions they will regret.

In no other area of life do we allow children to make such enormous decisions regarding their health and well being. This is at odds with health professionals approach to protect young people. I have worked with a number of gender confused people and have seen people the other side of surgery and my experience has been to see very sad people stay sad people. It is not the answer despite media whipping up heated arguments about doctors being responsible for suicides! This is simply blackmail and has no basis in truth.

And ultimately even the language used is confusing and misleading. There is no gay or gender conversion therapy. This has been so titled by those who wish to promote a radical personal agenda. In fact I am more inclined to use the term Conversion therapy to describe the support and promotion of changing ones gender identity because that is where the conversion begins!

If a person is confused and asks for help not to pursue a path towards homosexuality or gender transitioning, that should be their right to access a non biased support base.

Please protect our young people and adults by allowing freedom of thought and choice to be available to them and not only endorsing a one size fits all approach.

Many thanks for your time

Sincerely

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