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**To:** Law Reform  
**Subject:** Submission re: Sexual orientation and gender identity conversion practices issues paper

To Whom it may concern,

Thank you for opening up to the public an opportunity to respond to the TLRI's paper "*Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices*" Issues Paper No 31.

I am concerned on several levels

- a) The presupposition of the paper that Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Change Efforts is, in all cases wrong
- b) The lack of evidence of ongoing 'conversion practices' (e.g. shock therapy and chemical castration) in Tasmania. It does not seem that there is sufficient evidence that these are on going in any way and have not occurred in decades.
- c) In the paper Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity has been linked as one category. This linking of two separate "issues" (for lack of a better word) under one banner will deny genuine care and help for those diagnosed and struggling with gender dysphoria by an appropriate medical and psychological professional. The paper seems to suggest that SOGI 'conversion practices' that deal with Gender Identity outside of affirming a persons proclamation of a particular gender identity is deemed a 'conversion practice'. I believe this will lead to legal ramification for Doctors, Psychologists, Parents and or others in a child's life seeking to help a person experiencing gender dysphoria.
  - a. I am concerned that the issues paper suggests preventing people exercising their rights to seek such assistance if they may desire

I would ask for further consideration be made to broaden the scientific and ideological scope of the research. I believe this will achieve a more nuanced outcome, without the bias the current paper exhibits.

Kind regards

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