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To all respected members,

It is with deep concern that I am writing to you regarding the above paper and it's implications on individuals and society

We shield children from harm and responsibility until they are sufficiently mature and can make decisions that reflect that maturity at different stages of their development

That is applied to many areas of their life and is to their good and not to their detriment

I question then how you want to support children at a young age, often when they are confused on many issues, about life transforming decisions

It may seem a simplistic argument but we won't allow children to drive or vote etc. until they are of an appropriate age

Why then do we want to allow them to make decisions on gender identity?

As a parent I have every right to direct my children and to make decisions on their behalf, within the framework of Christian beliefs and legislation

The ramifications of the introduction of this type of legislation is detrimental to healthy child development and I am asking you respectfully to oppose it

Respectfully submitted

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