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

I am a parent of six children, and I am very concerned that the *Sexual orientation and gender identity conversion practices* issues paper is aiming to make harmful changes in the law.

I believe there are no current harmful practices in Australia, such as chemical castration as a form of "gay conversion therapy", There is therefore no need to pursue this matter, which would instead create multiple other problems as outlined below:

The obviously ideological nature of the issues paper, and its non-scientific basis, is dangerous for the vast majority of Australians who hold different views. Only a tiny minority of people would approve potential criminalisation of conversations between parents and their children! Yet that is a real possibility according to the Issues Paper. It is fundamentally undemocratic, tyrannical, and undermines basic human rights.

It is also unfortunate that young people are being encouraged by gender ideology to believe they are really of the opposite sex to their own bodies. There is a real danger that irreversible treatment in youths will be regretted in adulthood. Such drastic "treatment" is a legal and medical catastrophe waiting to happen in the future, and cannot possibly be properly consented to by such young people.

Finally, it is obviously wrong that people should be effectively prevented from seeking help or advice from family members, or counselors, on any matter of importance to them. It should never be a criminal offense to give caring advice when asked for it!

Yours sincerely,

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