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The Secretary,
Tasmanian Law Reform Institute

I offer the following remarks in response to the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices Issues paper.

I firmly believe that LGBTI Australians and those questioning their sexual nature have every right to feel safe and peaceful lives, but legislation as proposed by the TLRI paper titled Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conversion Practices. would create barriers to their achieving this situation by effectively outlawing discussion with the very people well positioned to achieve this for example, parents, family doctors, pediatricians and counsellors.

In Australia and the United Kingdom and several other countries there are serious concerns about harms resulting from the treatment of children and adults who are confused about their sexual nature. Increasingly, individuals are coming forward with serious problems due to medical and surgical intervention.

Consequently, several reviews are being conducted to establish what is best practice for the safety and welfare of those who find themselves in this situation, based on science, best medical practise and the welfare of children.

The Paper is based on a one-sided view of this very contentious issue and seeks responses which do no more than make minor changes.

Unfortunately, its proposals will further neither the welfare of the children and young people concerned, nor the welfare of our community as a whole.

Yours faithfully,

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