

Teen gender confusion Royal Commission needed

A recent edition of Channel Seven's 'Spotlight' television program highlighted the controversial issue of teenagers wanting to change gender, and this has prompted a renewed call by FamilyVoice Australia for a Royal Commission into gender confusion experienced by a growing number of teenagers.

"FamilyVoice has long called for a proper independent enquiry into teenage gender confusion, and the recent Channel Seven program is a catalyst for us to repeat our demand for a Royal Commission," said FamilyVoice Victoria State Director Alan Barron.

"We congratulate Seven's journalist Liam Bartlett who displayed penetrating objectivity when handling a very complex and contentious issue."

The TV program aired on 3 September and featured Liam Bartlett interviewing a number of young people who had undergone gender reassignment but now regret the procedure.

According to the Spotlight episode, young people seeking guidance about gender roles, depression and other personal issues are often guided towards transitioning based on two brief counselling sessions.

"It is a matter of grave concern

that the affirmation model enables confused young people to begin gender reassignment treatment," Alan Barron said.

The Channel Seven broadcast revealed the concern of medical professionals including paediatrician Dr Dylan Wilson and psychiatrist Dr Jillian Spencer, who have counselled many distressed young people about gender transitioning, some as young as twelve years old.

"Dr Wilson characterised teenage gender transitioning a medical scandal," Alan Barron said.

During the program, Mr Bartlett also interviewed Professor Ian Hickie, a proponent of gender intervention, who castigated Bartlett's investigative approach.

"Professor Hickie admitted there were cases of young people regretting their decision, but said the majority of young people who had undergone some form of transitioning were

happy. However, he offered no proof for this assertion," Alan Barron said.

Victorian politician David Limbrick claims there are over 1,000 cases of Australian teenagers and children who currently receive counselling and 'treatment' for gender transitioning.

"Appallingly, Victoria has laws allowing children to obtain gender reassignment intervention without parents consenting or even knowing," Alan Barron said.

"FamilyVoice applauds Channel Seven for its balanced coverage of the contentious issue of gender identity, but further calls for a Royal Commission that will properly investigate exactly what is happening to a growing number of young people.

"Meanwhile, laws allowing any young person to obtain gender reassignment treatment without their parent's knowledge or consent must be repealed."

FamilyVoice under fire in Tasmania

Recent criticism of FamilyVoice Australia by a newspaper in North Western Tasmania is “a sign of the times”, according to FamilyVoice gender spokesman David d’Lima.

On 2 August 2023, editorial commentary in *The Advocate* newspaper attacked a FamilyVoice media release on the importance of parents caring for their young children.

The newspaper accused FamilyVoice of blaming parents for the alleged abuse of their children in childcare, holding views that are “founded in misogyny” and are “ridiculously out of touch”.

The editorial warned MPs to think twice before listening to FamilyVoice, but that attack prompted a sharp response from FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima.

“We wish newspapers would report our remarks fairly, rather than attacking us by selective quoting, but that’s clearly a sign of the times,” he said.

“However, the newspaper’s editor granted us a right of reply that urged a restoration of the crucial role of mothers to nurture their young children.”

The story began in early August with reports about the appalling abuse of children at a Queensland childcare centre. On 2 August FamilyVoice Australia issued a media release, which

The Advocate immediately criticised as a “shameful response” that promoted “attitudes that belong in the distant past.”

However, on 5 August the newspaper published a brief response by FamilyVoice Australia, as a letter to the editor, that promoted the role of women as mothers.

Against the wishes of mothers, and contrary to the very deepest needs of young children, the last couple of decades of the 20th Century have witnessed an outsourcing of children into childcare institutions, the FamilyVoice letter explained.

It said *Science Daily* (10/3/22) has reported a finding by the University of Zurich that the more time children spend in external daycare, the more likely they are to exhibit problematic behaviour.

The letter also said unbridled market forces have coerced women away from a natural inclination to raise their children at home.

“The escalating cost of home ownership and the general cost of living have pushed many young mothers into the paid workforce,” David d’Lima explained.

“This has profoundly eroded the ambition of women to nurture their children at home.

“It has undermined the role of men as breadwinners who historically provided the major share of household income, freeing their wives to enjoy home-making,” the letter continued.

“Those social changes have placed massive stress upon family relationships and must be challenged.”

Threats to safety of women and children in NSW

Independent MP Alex Greenwich has introduced two bills that would seriously harm human welfare across NSW, according to FamilyVoice Australia.

The Equality Legislation Amendment (LGBTIQA+) Bill introduces sex self-ID and will end single-sex spaces like bathrooms, sports, schools, refuges and prisons.

“Anyone would be able to change their legal sex and demand to be treated as that sex, despite safety concerns for vulnerable women and children,” said FamilyVoice National Director Peter Downie.

The Bill removes coercive conduct and undue influence protections for women who may be pushed into prostitution, and ends restrictions on prostitution advertising near homes, schools, churches and hospitals.

Commercial surrogacy, the profit-driven renting of a woman’s womb and sale of baby, would also be legalised for NSW residents. “This circumvents the federal ban that protects women in poverty,” Mr Downie said.

Greenwich’s Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill aims to punish and criminalise medical practitioners and parents and ministers who do not counsel a child to affirm their preferred ‘gender identity’. Both fines and jail time are threatened. The NSW Labor party has promised to introduce another bill if this bill does not pass.

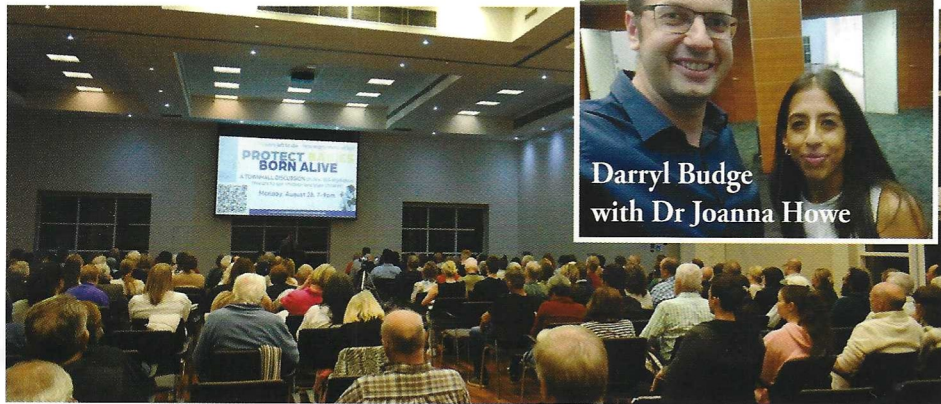
Queensland University emeritus professor of law Patrick Parkinson has slammed the “Conversion” Bill in a letter to the NSW Health Minister, stating that it is “likely to increase suicide attempts and other self-harm, not to reduce them.”

Prof Parkinson added that “the medical and scientific consensus has shifted away from the ideas that [activists] want to entrench.”



Sen. David Fawcett and David d’Lima

Townhall tells of abortion mental harm



A townhall meeting, Protect Babies Born Alive, hosted by the WA Coalition for the Defense of Human Life in South Perth, peacefully endured a small group of protestors to raise the alarm on changes to WA abortion laws.

Despite protestors attempting to block the entrance, hundreds of pro-life supporters were equipped with information about the harms of abortion. Speakers included grief counsellor Lyn Varty, Professor Joanna Howe, Kate Doust MLC, and Nick Goiran MLC. Australian Christians WA Director Maryka Groenewald spoke as the principal petitioner for a critical WA parliamentary petition, which ended up passing 5000 signatures on the night of the townhall.

Darryl Budge
with Dr Joanna Howe

The push for mandating medical care for babies born alive, provision of counselling services information, and pain-relief for aborted babies, and other amendments, has now moved to a “Consideration-in-detail” debate in the WA upper house.

“Please pray for and write to Nick Goiran MLC and Kate Doust MLC to thank them for their pro-life efforts,” said WA Director Darryl Budge, who helped co-ordinate the South Perth event.

Senate Report ignores abandonment of babies born alive

A shocking Senate report has failed to make any recommendation for the passage of the Human Rights (Children Born Alive) Protection Bill 2022. The report relied on claims by abortion providers that protecting babies would “limit” abortion access.

“The report did not discuss even one known and reported case of a baby left to die after a failed abortion, nor other statistical evidence,” said David d’Lima, who appeared for FamilyVoice at the Senate Committee.

“I conveyed testimony from a former Australian nurse named Denise Cameron who helped nurture a baby survivor of a hysterotomy; though he was placed into a metal dish to die,

the baby wouldn’t give up the fight for life. After many days in a humidicrib, he was discharged home.”

“Dr Joanna Howe submitted two coronial reports, one of Jessica Jane in the NT left without care for 80 minutes, and another of a baby dumped in a Westmead Hospital medical waste bin.

“FamilyVoice will not cease fighting for the humanity and care of all babies, and demand our MPs must legally protect babies born after a failed abortion.

“We will push that this Bill is tabled, put to a conscience vote, and we find out where our elected MPs stand.”

Mental health after abortion

FamilyVoice WA Director Darryl Budge and Australian Christians WA Director Maryka Groenewald have raised the alarm about serious mental health harms for women after an abortion.

In a nation-wide media release, Mr Budge, who is president of the WA Coalition for the Defence of Human Life stated, “Abortion is not a good solution for unwanted pregnancies. As a father with three awesome children, I firmly believe that mothers and fathers who experience pregnancy need to be offered compassionate holistic care and practical support, not encouraged to dispose of their child,” he said.

“Lawmakers cannot ignore the clear evidence that abortion lacks any benefit for women, and instead greatly harms women,” said Mrs Groenewald.

The release referred to a 2018 macro-analysis of over 800,000 women across 22 studies, which concluded that women who had undergone an abortion experienced an 81% increased risk of mental health problems, and nearly 10% of the incidence of mental health problems was attributable to abortion.

A NZ macro-analysis in 2013 concluded that there is no available evidence to suggest that abortion has any positive therapeutic effects, and it also associated abortion with increases in risks of anxiety, alcohol misuse, illicit drug use, and suicidal behaviour.

A Canadian study in 2010 found a strong association between abortion and mental disorders. For all disorders examined, around one-half of women with a mental disorder reported that it had begun after the first abortion.

A large study of suicides after pregnancy in Finland found that the risk of suicide after an induced abortion was three times higher than among women of reproductive age in general, whereas suicide after birth is half that of the general rate.

Senator speaks out against Misinformation Bill

South Australian Liberal Senator David Fawcett raised disturbing threats to our freedom of speech when he addressed a FamilyVoice briefing held in Adelaide on August 18, on the federal government's exposure draft bill on 'misinformation'.

"When your opponents don't have a valid argument they attack the person and if they can they use the power of the law to silence people," Senator Fawcett said.

"That's a hallmark of a more totalitarian approach to life."

Senator Fawcett said social media organisations are removing video material opposing the Voice to Parliament proposal, uploaded by conservative commentator and former prime-ministerial chief-of-staff Peta Credlin, and in the place of the video is a banner stating "This has been censored because it is misinformation."

"Those actions undermine our democracy," he said.



Senator David Fawcett speaking at the FamilyVoice event

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) could rule against any social media group refusing to remove 'misinformation', Senator Fawcett explained. However, academics, government, bureaucrats, satirists and comedians would be exempt from such restrictions.

"Your view could be shut down, not directly by ACMA, but by the media companies who are afraid of the fines that ACMA could impose upon them," he said.

"We are in effect giving a group

of public servants in a bureaucracy the power to determine what is disinformation and we are exposing individuals to legal penalties."

The government's proposed bill will impact freedom of speech through digital media, which is the most accessible form of expression, Senator Fawcett explained.

FamilyVoice in its submission on the exposure draft bill has urged a rejection of the proposed legislation as it would severely impede freedom of expression and repress views that are not politically correct.

It is imperative that concerned advocates of free speech contact their federal representatives urging them to reject the 'misinformation' bill."

Check out this and other campaigns at www.familyvoice.org.au/campaigns

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