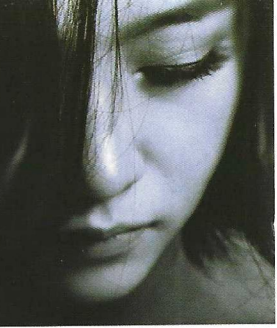


Change ban bill 'harmful disinformation'



Legal cutouts in the Tasmanian government's draft legislation on change therapy represent a dangerous disinformation attempt to sever options for those seeking to escape confusion, according to FamilyVoice Australia.

"Though not a single verified case of harm has been offered, The Justice Miscellaneous (Conversion Practices) Bill 2024 proposes a harmful disinformation ban on actions or advertising to change or eradicate one's sexual orientation or gender identity," said FamilyVoice spokesman Darryl Budge.

"While providing limited protection for some opinions and beliefs, it criminalises appropriate mental and spiritual care for confused children.

"It is dangerous disinformation to block children from help regarding a fluid sexuality confusion, or block help to reject risky irreversible interventions that may end their biological fertility or increase risks of cancer, especially considering the emerging caution by Australian medical bodies."

New guidance from the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists states that, when treating children and adolescents, '[t]he risk of intervention needs to be weighed against the risk of non-intervention, in consideration of the

individual circumstances.'

"In addition, an alarming documentary from Zembala in the Netherlands has exposed reports of brain damage in a gender clinic at the Amsterdam UMC, linked to puberty blockers, which have been ignored for 17 years," Mr Budge said.

"The Bill hypocritically denies consensual help for confused children, while providing a legal defence of informed consent for 'change therapy' for an adult."

In an attempt to placate opposition to the proposals, the first draft provides limited exemptions for practises that 'amount to no more than an expression of an opinion, idea, or belief by a person' including statements of religious principle or parental advice.

"This bill attacks our basic need for truth and freedom," Mr Budge said.

"It will solidify legal protection for misinformation and disinformation by LGBT change therapy clinics, youth health services and lobby groups to do

practises and advertising that promote a homosexual or transgender lifestyle.

"But advertising to counter this misinformation, regarding the poor outcomes of hormone therapy and gender surgery, if the advertising notice promotes that 'any person... intends to carry out one or more conversion practises' will be criminally sanctioned."

The bill provides the strongest legal exemptions for any "health service provider" whose reasonable judgement is providing "clinically appropriate" care, a health service that is "safe and appropriate", or is legally or professionally required.

"These exemptions for government-approved services entrench one-way traffic of confused children towards many harmful interventions," Mr Budge said.

"It is a dangerous lie that sexuality and gender can be fluid in one direction only."

The Bill's maximum punishments include a fine of \$19,500, or 6 months in jail, or both, similar to Queensland and ACT.

Mother rejects gender neutrality and whole-word literacy

A teacher who rejects whole-word and gender-neutral approaches to literacy has produced a phonics-based learning program that is enabling her children and other families to read, write and spell.

NSW teacher and mother of four, Mrs Kassi Gilmour, has rejected whole language methods of literacy training along with the use of politically-correct pronouns, and has developed a comprehensive English program that is particularly useful to help special needs students.

"I developed my Aussie Readers program to help children learn the constituent phonemes, instead of trying to memorise the shape of entire words," she said.

"My resources also apply the correct gender terms and include no reference or commendation of the Queer agenda."

"The course I've developed is for any families who wish to reclaim the right to impart the gift of literacy to their own children while avoiding the unhelpful whole-word approach and the problem of gender confusion."

Materials developed by Mrs Gilmour contain a full year's course of animated lessons appropriate for Kindergarten (NSW/ACT) and Foundation/Prep (in other states). The course enables children to read, spell and write, and covers all the English knowledge and development skills specified by the Australian Curriculum.

FamilyVoice spokesman and educator

David d'Lima welcomed an Australian-developed phonics-based literacy course.

"The look-say method turned out to be a look-guess approach that denied literacy to a large number of children," he said.

"And those who managed to memorise the shapes of words never learned how to properly spell.

"FamilyVoice for many years has promoted a US-developed phonics approach to literacy, but it's good to see locally-produced curriculum materials."

Details on the curriculum may be viewed at the aussiereaders.com website.