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Albanese under pressure to review trans treatments

Australian psychiatry groups have immediately pushed the Albanese government to fund a national independent case review into experimental gender intervention, following the shocking UK Cass Review.

Dr Cass said in her report on the UK government's Tavistock gender clinic, "For most young people, a medical pathway will not be the best way to manage their gender-related distress", concluding that children must be seen "as a whole person and not just through the lens of their gender identity".

The National Association of Practicing Psychiatrists is pushing for a federally funded Australian independent investigation into puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones.

The group's head Prof. Philip Morris said the evidence supporting the benefit of the treatment was "very limited" and called on the Commonwealth to facilitate a national inquiry into gender affirming based medical care versus a more cautious approach.

Dr Andrew Amos, Queensland chair of Rural Psychiatry and the RANZ College of Psychiatrists, has joined the call for an Australian review of gender services, saying there is inadequate oversight of treatments on gender dysmorphic children versus any other medical practices.

"There is no question that in order to have high quality medical services, you need to be doing adequate oversight," Dr Amos told The Australian.

"We call it clinical evidence and the first step is to record what you're doing, report what you're doing, and then review what the results have been. None of that's happening with gender services in Australia," he said.

"A lot of patients are going to be harmed. If the federal government doesn't implement a review similar to a case review, we'll continue on this path... [a review is] absolutely needed."

FamilyVoice Australia spokesman David d'Lima said that Australian governments must recognise Dr Cass' finding that gender intervention is based on "shaky foundations", and should stop harming children through puberty-blocking.

"This report from Britain's National Health Service has found there is no good evidence to support the prescription of hormones to children aimed at blocking puberty or to transition to the opposite gender," David d'Lima said.

"According to Dr Hilary Cass, radical gender intervention is built on 'shaky foundations', therefore Australian governments must recognise that finding and withdraw tax-payer funding for young people's gender intervention."

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Time to clean up classrooms

South Australian One Nation MP Sarah Game has responded to an outrageous betrayal of children and parents, by drafting a bill to prohibit gender ideology and gender fluidity in the classroom.

Sarah Game drafted the Education and Children's Services (Parental Primacy) Amendment Bill 2024 after Renmark High School held a sexual education lesson for year nine girls that featured details on bestiality, delivered without parental consent by a swearing presenter and with no teacher present.

The lesson provoked outrage by parents, one of whom has withdrawn her children from the school.

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Robbie Katter targets

"barbaric practice"

FamilyVoice Australia fully supports enshrining the right to life and medical care for newborns in Queensland legislation, as proposed by KAP MP Robber Katter.

Katter's bill, titled Termination of Pregnancy (Live Birth) Bill 2024, follows NSW and SA legal protections for babies born alive after an abortion.

"This bill is vital because over 30 babies are born alive and left to die without adequate medical care annually in Queensland - and such shocking acts of barbarism that should never have been legalized," said FamilyVoice Queensland Director Andrew McColl.

Mr Katter told a press conference that his bill "means we draw a line in the sand between the barbaric practice of leaving newborn babies to die after an abortion and we close that chapter and say, never again in Queensland."

Dr Joanna Howe, Professor of Law at the University of Adelaide, also told the press that a 19-week-old baby Xanthe was placed on a metal kidney dish and left to die alone for seven agonizing minutes.

"Without anyone to give her comfort care, Xanthe was abandoned by the Queensland medical system - the system that is meant to care for every patient -

every human," Ms Howe said.

Mr Katter added, "My heart breaks hearing these horrifying stories of human lives, babies who were breathing the same air that you and I breathe, who were deprived of human rights and dignity."

similar amendment to Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2021 requires medical professionals to apply the same medical care to a baby born alive after an abortion as any other newborn.

Mr McColl said, "Public support for a law change has grown immensely since October 2023 when Queensland Health quietly removed a frankly barbaric guideline, 'If a live birth occurs... Do not provide life-sustaining treatment,'

Health Department recommends, 'If a baby is born with signs of life, provide care appropriate to the individual clinical circumstances and in accordance with best practice guidelines.'

"If this quiet admission tells us anything, it is that the law must enshrine this right for newborns.

"We pray for the day when not only all



Andrew McColl and Robbie Katter

newborns but all the unborn are legally protected from the barbaric practise of abortion.

"This is an important step to protect newborn lives in Queensland."

Dreyfus to consider rights charter after discrimination bill

FamilyVoice is warning that a parliamentary committee stacked with Labor and Greens members was tasked by Attorney General Mark Dreyfus to propose a dangerous 'rights charter' based on an Australian Human Rights Commission model.

"The 'statuatory charter of rights' model supposedly drawn from the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights would have a similar outcome to the Australian Law Reform Commission's legislative proposal," said FamilyVoice National Director Peter Downie.

"The ALRC's model, underpinning the latest Discrimination Bill, was so clearly harmful it was slammed by a Coalition of 24 Christian, Islamic and Jewish leaders for making their schools indistinguishable from state schools.

"Knowing the Labor beliefs that are proposing to rip hiring protections from religious schools, it is certain that

the charter of rights will not positively protect freedom of religion."

Chris Merrittof of the Rule of Law Institute says this rights charter model not only ignores the international human rights limitation of "necessary" and lowers the standard to "reasonable", it is entirely self-serving for the AHRC.

Mr Merrittof said that, in effect, "Governments could impose restrictions on religious education that would not be legitimate under the ICCPR. Schools could be subjected to anti-religious lawfare."

He pointed out, "Who makes the initial determination about whether

religious schools have crossed the line? Under the Human Rights Commission's model, that power would be vested in the commission - the same organisation that decided to depart from the narrow restrictions on religious freedom that are outlined in the ICCPR."

The model would also make unlawful actions and decisions subject to court injuctions, orders and rulings for damages.

Mr Downie said, "Christians must unite in rejection of this dangerous proposal before Mark Dreyfus and the committee, whose final report deadline is set for May 30."

Liberal nominee Nicolle Flint critiques her party

Former federal MP Nicolle Flint gently chastised her own political party, while announcing intentions to seek Liberal preselection for the South Australian federal seat of Boothby, at a Public Schools Club dinner held in Adelaide on 22 March.

"Between 2013 and 2022 we did not do a lot well," she said, lamenting a failure of policy implementation by the Coalition.

"It was a disastrous run for us in federal government and we didn't even secure passage of the religious protection laws that Labor MPs are seemingly refusing to pass," she said.

"We've not done a particularly good job over the past decade, but I genuinely believe that is shifting."

Nicolle Flint said the Liberal Party must stick to its values and not give way to pressure from social media, cancel culture and the rudeness of its opponents.

She commended Prime Minister Albanese who has pledged to stamp out any repeat of the vitriolic attacks that Nicolle and others have experienced, and she was pleased GetUp was "missing in action" during the recent federal election.

But she chastised Labor, saying the PM should remove citizenship ceremonies from any councils that shun Australia

Day. Nicolle also criticised the number of people arriving in the country.

"We have to reduce the migration intake until our housing situation and infrastructure are sorted out," she said.

"And we must ensure every migrant adheres to our values - not necessarily sharing those values, but adhering to them."

Nicolle also said the housing crisis is a key area the Liberals must address.

"We have to get young people into their own homes - it's the reason our country has been so successful, and we have failed a generation of young people," she said.

The dinner honoured the late John Hepworth - a former traditional Anglican Archbishop, Boothby Liberal President, and Public Schools Club chairman, marking what would have been his 80th birthday.

"My dear friend and mentor John Hepworth didn't hold back from telling me when I wasn't getting things quite right, and that was enormously helpful," Nicolle said, as she noted PM Scott



David d'Lima and Nicolle Flint

Morrison honoured Hepworth shortly before his death, and affectionately referred to him as "The Bishop of Boothby".

Nicolle then announced her intention to seek the Boothby nomination.

"When the invitation came from David d'Lima to deliver the John Hepworth Memorial Oration I saw that as a sign that perhaps I should renominate for Boothby," she said.

"I had a major health breakthrough last year and I have never been so physically and mentally fit, but while my health is on track, the nation certainly isn't, which is why I'm determined to try to make a difference again."

Churches unaware about coming crisis

FamilyVoice Australia is concerned that churches, Christian schools and Christians in the workplace are sleepily heading towards a legal crisis, unaware of pervasive law shifts to counselling, teaching and witnessing ministries.

FamilyVoice WA Director Darryl Budge said, "All Christian groups must stand up against these attacks on the freedom of the gospel of Jesus, and count the cost of making true disciples in the new adverse environment.

"Anti-conversion laws reflect a new religious draconian imposition that everyone has a self-determined yet fixed 'sexual orientation' or "gender identity' (SOGI) that cannot be suppressed by 'sustained therapy', regardless of whether a person is confused or 'transitioning'. The government becomes superior to the behavioural desires of any seeker of God.

"Prior to the NSW conversion law

coming into effect in April 2025, Victoria and ACT also passed laws to limit or ban prayer, counselling and medical care on SOGI issues. Tasmania and SA legislators are proposing similar changes, with limited exemptions in the NSW Liberal's legislation and proposed Tasmanian Liberal bill for parental advice, religious sermons and teaching to groups."

Presbyterian minister Mark Powell says there is a gathering storm for all Christian organisations, as he is advised that "the proposed Religious Discrimination Bill leaves out important protections for [both] churches and religious schools and adds vilification laws, also known as

'hate speech' legislation."

He adds, "These changes are not only weak protections against the changes being made in the Sex Discrimination Act, they are also potentially harmful by pitting one religious group against another."

If the present form of the RDB passes into law, Mr Budge believes that "Christian schools in Tasmania, Victoria and ACT will be rapidly bludgeoned into being Christian-inname-only by government-funded discrimination tribunal cases, and churches will be attacked by other religious groups for supposedly vilifying religious beliefs in other groups. It is time for action and prayer."

Woke footy culture imposes harsh punishment

FamilyVoice Victorian State Director Alan Barron has criticised the Australian Football League for its woke culture and harsh punishment of Port Adelaide player Jeremy Finlayson.

"The AFL decision to impose a three-match suspension and mindaltering Pride In Sport training is appalling," Alan Barron said.

Mr Barron said that when he umpired Australian rules football in the 1970s, "Players frequently called each other outwardly offensive names on the field, but afterwards they shook hands and told jokes over a few beers in the clubrooms," he said.

"In those times, a three week suspension punished really serious wrongdoing, such as concussing a player with a king hit from behind."

Mr Barron is most concerned by the organisational imposition of mind-training sessions designed to normalise the woke religious system.

"Sporting bodies are functioning as change agents for trendy values," he

"This wokeness has little to do with the sport involved but is manipulating the masses into accepting anti-family and anti-Christian beliefs."

Time to clean up classrooms

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"It's time for government to clean up the classrooms, by re-establishing the historic rights of parents who are upset by lessons on gender fluidity and the queer ideology," said FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima as he welcomed the proposed bill.

Sarah Game said her bill "reaffirms the fundamental role of families in shaping moral, ethical, and social values.'

The Bill aims to hold education professionals subject to restrictions regarding parental primacy, prohibits fluidity education school curricula, and prohibits the sexualisation of children in schools.

Ms Game said, "This legislation will ensure that parents have control in what their children are taught, fostering a more transparent and inclusive educational environment," explaining that it requires schools to provide notice and receive feedback on matters of parental primacy.

FamilyVoice is urging Parliament to support the One Nation proposal advanced by MP Sarah Game, that clarifies what society has traditionally understood.

"Children do not belong to the State, and it is parents who have the primacy of responsibility for their education," David d'Lima said.

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Australian journalist Bernard Lane has reported that children's hospital gender clinics in Australia are giving minors hormonal interventions that may sterilise them, and Family court records confirm that surgeons are performing trans mastectomies on patients under 18.

In a 2020 article, Professor Whitehall identified from Family Court records five cases of mastectomy for minors with gender dysphoria. Mr Lane said he "asked the court a few years ago for a list of gender dysphoria cases and their outcomes but was told this was too onerous a task."

In 2018, Justice Judith Rees, ruled in the 're Matthew' case, that the Family Court would no longer supervise surgery for minors with gender dysphoria, unless parents or doctors disagree on the intervention, including the child's capacity for informed consent.

Mr d'Lima said, "An urgent Australian review must uncover how many Australian minors have undergone a 'trans' surgery. In the USA, a Reuters analysis of Komodo health insurance claims found 56 cases of genital surgery among patients aged 13-17 with a prior diagnosis of gender dysphoria from 2019-2021. The analysis also identified 776 trans mastectomies in this same cohort."

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