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Dear Sirs or Madames,

Following my writing to you yesterday I have continued to be concerned about the proposed changes to the code of conduct for doctors.

You write about the need for doctors to be respectful regarding gender issues.

Will you now change your attitudes towards parents who do not want their children vaccinated, especially with regard to those vaccinations using foetal body parts.

If you are serious about the importance of allowing people to choose their own gender - which is a far more complex issue than you appear to understand -

Then I expect you to show the people the same respect who wish to prevent their children receiving such vaccinations ; and to fight for the government to do the same.

As a person who managed a Sexual Assault Service in the 1980's I speak from experience.

While in no way denying that there are people who are more comfortable identifying themselves with a gender different to that which their biological parts determined,

There are also many who, having suffered abuse, especially sexual abuse, but even severe physical and emotional abuse, as children and teenagers, and even into adulthood, do not want to be associated with a certain gender.

This are people who are damaged and surely have the right to receive support and help to settle their pain and sadness.

I personally know, outside of my professional work, people who having had the chance to recover, have resettled into the gender they were born with, married , had children and are happily living today with their families and community.

Your attempt to provide what appears like a quick fix in a culturally pro-choice society, is likely to short change many people.

We all hear of those who have changed their minds, and sadly are unable to redress the issue.

If you are encouraging parents to allow their children the right to choose when they are young without any true assessment of what is going on,

You are also forgetting the numbers of children living with abusive family members who convince children for their own pleasure or advantage to engage in behaviour they are told is normal, but which ultimately creates conflict with their true inner psyche

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As a manager in the 1980s I spent time in Sydney for meetings and at one such time was breakfasting at the YWCA when I found my fellow residents were members of a Paedophile Group who were also meeting regularly.

They told me that no matter we did, they were going to win, and they seriously meant it.

It troubles me sincerely that you are playing unwittingly into their hands. The fact that people are often confused as to sexual identity and need a lot of compassionate care and non judgement (on both sides - not pushing for or against)

was highlighted for me when I once met a very distressed male person, who had come for help after being denied an operation.

It turned out that the depths of his pain related to the fact that he wanted to be a Lesbian, and now would not be able to achieve this.

I think you should stop this plan to change the Code of Conduct and rather educate your doctors in a more open and clear manner.

Perhaps the Medical Association and Government needs to rethink this current policy that appears to be choosing to take away the relationship of doctor and patient , as a trusting and compassionate relationship.

Allow them to have time to know their patients, and develop more intuitive flexibility in listening to the pain of the patient.

I would rather have a doctor who's honest about his concerns for me, than one who was told to act as a robot, and repeat the mantra given.

His insincerity would not give me confidence, and your expectation that your doctors would be expected to hold to your imposed beliefs even in his own time and space is appalling!

This current process has the danger of a one size fits all, and a neglect of the value of the individual.

It heading towards a A.I. life style and complete dehumanisation of the human race.

Trying to force people to change their own values and belief through laws is anti-democratic, and leading us to a totalitarian society and should be stopped at once!

Yours Sincerely

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