## Hi there,

I value free speech and after reading an article in the Sunday Mail dated 29/07/18 regarding AHPRA presenting a notification to Dr Van Gend about his conduct after he retweeted some comments on social media, I am truly shocked at the outlined complaint. The compliant being that Dr Van Gend is "presenting as a medical practitioner and providing information that is clearly not medically, psychologically, nor scientifically based and not promoting public health." It truly appears that Dr Van Gend is the ONLY person who is actually providing information to the most vulnerable of us. Children who have not even completed puberty and are feeling the pressure of society (and AHPRA) telling them something beyond confusing that they don't yet have the maturity (physically or mentally) to be making life altering decisions about. Obviously they were born either male or female and they have (whether AHPRA likes it or not) all the hormones that come with being one of those two distinct genders. It's a biological fact! With all the pressure that children face today such as coping with broken families and blended families doctors like Dr Van Gend should be applauded for speaking up for what he believes in and caring enough about our children to try and protect them.

I can only hope there are many other Australians who are as shocked as I was at the treatment of Dr Van Gend and make their voices heard.

Kind regards,

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