

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Elizabeth's story highlights need for urgent inquiry**

The story of Elizabeth, recounted in [The Australian](#), highlights the need for an urgent inquiry into gender treatments:

Moments after Elizabeth gave birth, her baby son was placed on her chest. As newborns do, his tiny body began to “breast crawl” across his mother’s chest, searching for her nipple, instinctively seeking milk.

To Elizabeth’s devastation, it was in vain. More than a decade earlier she had had chest masculinisation surgery, a procedure that was part of medical gender transition she regrets as a “terrible mistake”.

*“It was really hard knowing that my son wanted to breastfeed and I couldn’t give him that ... and when they put him on my stomach, he crawled up, he was looking for my breasts, and he couldn’t find them. And he tried to suck on my chin. And he spent so much time in his early life trying to find my breasts.”*

Elizabeth’s story has been published in the first academic paper to document a case of a woman who had chest masculinisation surgery to affirm a gender identity as a trans man but who later detransitioned, became pregnant and grieved her inability to breastfeed.

“An inquiry is needed as a matter of priority,” said FamilyVoice spokesperson David d’Lima.

“The longer the delay, the more harm that will be done to children.

“An Australian inquiry should also hear evidence from prominent detransitioners [Keira Bell](#) and [Chloe Cole](#),” d’Lima added.

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