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FamilyVoice Congratulates Labor for Scrapping the Term "birthing parent"

FamilyVoice has been vindicated by its stance earlier this year against the term 'birthing parent' which belittles mum's and highlights the fact that biological reality was being lost.

"We thank NDIS and Government Services Minister Bill Shorten who has vowed to replace the government Medicare form which calls mothers "birthing parents" after <u>a new mum</u> <u>voiced her complaint</u>," Greg Bondar, FamilyVoice spokesman.

In the age of identity politics, gender-neutral language is undermining biological facts with terms like 'birthing parent' and 'person who bleeds' being substituted for 'mother' and 'woman'. In the drive to recognise all gender identities, biological reality is being lost – and anyone who stands up to it is harassed, abused, and cancelled.

"The real issue is that in changing the meaning of the word 'woman' we are making 'woman' into an open category – one that anyone can join which is just not reality. If hospitals and Medicare 'birthing parent', they are saying that not everyone who gives birth is a woman – really? That's denying biology. We need to go back to basics: when we say 'women', we mean the biological and dictionary definition of 'women' – female adult humans. Since when does 'identity' come before biology?", added Bondar.

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