



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Urgent inquiry needed**

FamilyVoice Australia is calling for an urgent inquiry into transgender practices in Australia, following the tragic loss of a baby during gender intervention surgery.

“It’s appalling to learn that doctors terminated an unborn baby’s life during gender intervention surgery, as no-one knew the patient was pregnant,” said FamilyVoice gender spokesman David d’Lima.

The patient only learned the facts the morning after the operation.

“FamilyVoice Australia continues to urge the federal government to hold an inquiry into gender intervention, following case after case of damage done through harmful interventions given to vulnerable people,” he said.

**According to a report in Daily Mail Australia**, Jesse Pohlner, 38, was four months pregnant when undergoing a full hysterectomy at Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne during lockdown in 2021. The patient asked for the removal of womb and ovaries as part of a transition process, but did not know a second trimester pregnancy was happening.

“I don't want it to happen to someone else. I don't want it to happen to a patient or a doctor to have to go through that,” the patient said.

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