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## **Teen gender confusion needs a Royal Commission**

A recent edition of Channel Seven's 'Spotlight' television program on the controversial issue of teenagers wanting to change gender, has prompted a renewed call by FamilyVoice Australia for a Royal Commission into gender confusion experienced by a growing number of teenagers.

"FamilyVoice has long called for a proper independent enquiry into teenage gender confusion, and the recent Channel Seven program is a catalyst for us to repeat our demand for a Royal Commission," said FamilyVoice Victoria State Director Alan Barron.

"We congratulate Seven's journalist Liam Bartlett who displayed penetrating objectivity when handling a very complex and contentious issue."

The TV program aired on 3 September and featured Liam Bartlett interviewing a number of young people who had undergone gender reassignment but now regret the procedure.

According to the Spotlight episode, young people seeking guidance about gender roles, depression and other personal issues are often guided towards transitioning based on two brief counselling sessions.

"It is a matter of grave concern that the affirmation model enables confused young people to begin gender reassignment treatment," Alan Barron said.

"Victorian politician David Limbrick claims there are over 1,000 cases of Australian teenagers and children who currently receive counselling and 'treatment' for gender transitioning.

"Appallingly, Victoria has laws allowing children to obtain gender reassignment intervention without parents consenting or even knowing," Alan Barron said.

"FamilyVoice applauds Channel Seven for its coverage of the contentious issue of gender identity, but further calls for a Royal Commission that will properly investigate exactly what is happening to a growing number of young people.

"Meanwhile, laws allowing any young person to obtain gender reassignment treatment without their parent's knowledge or consent must be repealed."



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