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## **FamilyVoice slams NSW conversion therapy ban**

Advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia has slammed NSW parliamentarians for approving a ban on so-called “gay conversion therapy”.

FamilyVoice gender spokesman David d’Lima said the decision does not reflect community values and it denies the needs of people seeking professional counselling who want help to overcome gender identity confusion.

“The people of New South Wales are perfectly capable of making informed choices about counselling and they do not need this denial of choice,” David d’Lima said.

“Incredibly, parents would be unable to access counselling for teenagers by visiting other jurisdictions where freedom still exists.

“NSW needs to uphold and apply the constitutional guarantee that movement across state borders be absolutely free.”

FamilyVoice also strongly objects to government trying to solve a problem that doesn’t exist.

“Professional counsellors fully appreciate the importance of consent to the provision of service and high standards already apply,” David d’Lima said.

“Since any improper conduct or breach of consent can be handled by professional bodies, or through common law remedies, there is absolutely no justification for the legislation.

“The decision of Parliament is an example of shabby conformity to political-correctness that denies freedom of choice, parental rights and shuns the federal compact.”

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