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Some Qld Common Sense on Transgender

The decision this week by Queensland Health Minister Tim Nicholls to suspend the use of puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones for gender-distressed minors is a significant step in the right direction for the care and protection of young people.

"This is an important and long-overdue decision," said Andrew McColl, Queensland Director of FamilyVoice. "For too long, state and federal health authorities have avoided confronting the essential facts of the transgender debate. The first is that a person's biological sex cannot be changed. The second is that young people experiencing gender confusion need thoughtful and loving support from their families, and where necessary, professional guidance—not irreversible medical interventions."

McColl also pointed to the lack of evidence justifying these medical interventions. "There is no credible research proving that puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, or surgery are effective treatments for gender dysphoria," he said. "Many young people seeking such interventions face additional challenges, such as autism or significant social media influence. We must be extremely cautious when considering life-altering treatments for vulnerable minors."

He praised Queensland's move to suspend these treatments as a necessary return to evidence-based healthcare. "This decision prioritises the safety and well-being of young people, ensuring they receive the care and support they truly need, rather than being fast-tracked into medical interventions with irreversible consequences."

FamilyVoice welcomes this decision and urges all Australian governments to follow Queensland's lead. "We call on leaders across the country to take a stand for children's welfare and ensure that medical practices are based on sound evidence and safeguarding principles," McColl said.

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