

Dear WHO

We are a community legal service based in Sydney and focused on advancing the human rights of women and girls. We are increasingly called upon to assist women who have suffered harm as a result of extreme trans activism.

We are writing to express our deep concern about the WHO's plans to develop a 'guideline on the health of trans and gender diverse people' as it is essential that harmful gender ideology is not given any further credence.

Our work in recent years has included supporting detransitioners who we have referred to personal injury firms with expertise in medical negligence. One of these cases, [Jay Langadinos v Dr Patrick Toohey](#) has already received extensive media coverage and other litigation is in the pipeline. Many other individuals who have contacted us about their devastating experiences with the fraudulent sex change industry are yet to initiate legal action or go public with their stories for fear of recriminations. However, it is only a matter of time before the trickle of cases turns into an avalanche and the extent of this global scandal is exposed.

We are disturbed by reports that those selected for WHO's guideline development group, including [Florence Ashley](#), are inappropriate on a number of grounds and demonstrate a clear bias which must preclude their appointment.

It is essential that the experiences of detransitioners should be represented in any guideline development group. We would suggest that WHO should instead be developing a guideline on the importance of distinguishing between biological sex and socially constructed gender identities and the need not to conflate them. Some examples of the health implications of getting this wrong can be found in [this recent article](#) in which doctors warn of the danger of 'desexing' language. This research cites cases where a pregnancy complication was missed resulting in the death of a baby because the individual had presented as a man with abdominal pain. In another case mistaken sex resulted in inappropriate intubation and resultant injuries.

We would suggest that WHO halt any further deliberations on this question until it has reviewed all conflicts of interest and conducted a broader consultation that takes account of the views of individuals and groups not funded to advance gender ideology and the interests of the pharmaceutical industry.

Regards

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