

To the Committee Secretary,

The above is the letter that I sent to the Federal Attorney-General, but wish it to be treated as a submission to the inquiry.

I trust this suffices to meet your criteria

Yours Sincerely,

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

THE HONOURABLE Robert McClelland MP

Dear Sir,

In response to your introduction of the “Sex Act Discrimination Legislation Amendment Bill 2010” I would raise the following points.

In regard to the first dot point, I have been informed by your Office that it is only the ‘Binary sexes, male and female’ that will be affected by any amended legislation.

We now have to establish if a Trans woman is fully recognised as a woman, and a Trans man is fully recognised as a man. This should be covered in your first of the “Four key amendments to the Sex Discrimination Act”

Are we in the Trans community to be accorded the same levels of cover as natal male and female? If not, why not, as we are supposedly granted that sex status after Sex Affirmation Surgery.

We would expect to be covered equally under the proposed section 2 amendments, as we are now legally recognised as male and female.



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Three, at this point in time does not enter into the frame, although many Trans women do produce breast milk.

The fourth and final is the main one where we are concerned, as I have been informed that it does not apply to Trans people, only to natal male and female. If we are fully recognised in our sex now as male or female, surely this is of itself “Discriminatory”

When it comes to young Trans people, they have no legal redress and are open to all of the problems you list, and many more

We are made to jump through hoops to become our true selves, but we are still not legally fully recognised at any level of government in Australia. Therefore it would be nice for all governments to recognise us at law as now being no longer Trans, but man or woman. To this end, this major shift should be noted within the legislative amendments before the senate committee and government.

We also have many problems to face when we grow old. The above recognition would be very helpful in those areas as well.

Finally, in letters to me from your Office, you have cited over 80 pieces of legislation were altered in the “Same Sex Act 2009” My question is this, “ How many pieces of legislation confront Trans people at all levels of Government, their departments and agencies in Australia?”

Yours Sincerely, Kathy Anne Noble.

President, Changeling Aspects

