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To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee members,

Submission to the Inquiry into the Human Rights and
Anti-Discrimination Bill 2012 - Exposure Draft Legislation

Gender Vie - transgender human rights. Community, Advocacy, Projects,
is committed to improving the lives of transgender persons.

Gender Vie opposes the current discrimination against transgender persons
by the medical profession, specifically the The Royal Australian and
New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), who are responsible for
the actions of their members. Who use their privileged position to dictate
accessibility to medical treatment such as Hormone Replacement Therapy.

It is currently lawful for the RANZCP to deny medical treatment for
transgender persons, and this needs to immediately stop.

Being transgender is NOT a psychiatric condition, and it is highly
offensive and harmful that transgender persons are being forced to go
through that process, just so they may access medical services.

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The recognition of transgender persons as being persons with a medical condition, having some characteristics from the opposition sex, typically sexual anatomy, and NOT a psychiatric condition is an essential step forward to improving the lives of transgender persons.

In conclusion, the current lawful discrimination against transgender persons by the RANZCP needs to stop without delay. They are doing considerable harm on many levels, and the if the Exposure Draft Legislation is genuine about "RESPECT . PROTECT . FULFIL", then this submission by Gender Vie needs to be actioned in the fullest terms, in order to respect, protect and fulfil transgender persons!

Yours sincerely,

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