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LET'S KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE

TransGender Victoria welcomes the decision to start a 12 year old on a course of reversible medication that will keep him alive – the same process as the successful outcome for “Alex,” whose case became public in 2004.

“Given the success of this process both here in Australia and overseas, we are hugely confident that young people’s lives can be saved and that the so-called concerns about this situation are overwhelmingly unfounded,” stated spokesperson Sally Goldner.

“It is sad that yet again, reporting of an issue affecting a young person’s life is dominated by the same degree of inaccuracy, disrespect and sensationalism. To refer to the young person as a girl is disrespectful to the person and to the court. To refer to a 12 year old as having a “sex change” when what they are undertaking at age 12 is a totally reversible course of medication is also inaccurate.”

“Further, while the most important issues are the life, health and wellbeing of the young person, we question why this story is front page news and quoting the same people with same poorly-informed perspectives as 4 years ago.”

“The process outlined in April 2004 for Alex has been a total success, as it has been overseas for many others, so there is clear precedent as to the success of this approach. Alex is now living a happy healthy life – and most importantly is alive. No more needs to be said.”

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