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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 4202-25, tabled in Parliament on 26 August 2025, in relation to access to gender affirming care.

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering safe, evidence-based healthcare to children and adolescents. That commitment includes ensuring the care provided to young people experiencing gender dysphoria is both clinically appropriate and informed by the latest research.

In January, Queensland Health commissioned an Independent Review into Stage 1 and Stage 2 hormone therapies in public paediatric gender services to ensure that care provided to Queensland children is clinically safe, evidence-based, and ethically sound.

Professor Ruth Vine has been appointed to lead the review. Professor Vine is one of Australia's most experienced and respected psychiatrists, having served as Victoria's Chief Psychiatrist and the nation's first Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Mental Health. Her appointment ensures this work will be led with expertise, independence, and care.

Stakeholder input is a vital part of the review with a structured public submission process being undertaken from 29 May 2025 to 29 July 2025. The review panel is also undertaking targeted consultations with clinicians, families and individuals with lived experience, and advocacy organisations.

The final report will be delivered by 30 November 2025.

While the review is underway, the existing restrictions on prescribing Stage 1 and Stage 2 hormone therapies to new patients under 18 will remain in place. This pause does not apply to young people already receiving treatment. The Queensland Children's Gender Service will continue providing comprehensive care to all patients, including new ones. This includes psychiatric and psychological treatment, counselling, and other clinically recommended interventions.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tim Nicholls". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tim" and the last name "Nicholls" clearly distinguishable.

Tim Nicholls MP

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